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## Trade is hit hard as roads are closed

HIGH street retailers claim to have lost up to 40 per cent of their trade within weeks of work starting on the first phase of Dudley town centre's regeneration scheme.

Worried shop managers have contacted councillors to voice their concerns after two roads in the town centre were shut off as the project started.

Work got under way on the first phase of a £6.7 million revamp of Dudley's historic market place around five weeks ago.

### Impact

Castle Street and New Street were closed as the project got started last month.

Owner of the Plaza Mall Tony Swannie said the problem was having an impact on the whole High Street.

"It is not just the smaller businesses which are struggling because of this but the larger stores as well," he said.

"In the Plaza Mall we have seen both footfall and takings drop by 30 per cent since this work started.

"Traders are finding it extremely difficult to make a living at the moment."

Mr Swannie said businesses were urging Dudley Council to take action, such as lowering rents, while the work is taking place.

## Harrier wins heart race

HUNDREDS of runners pounded the streets of Dudley on Sunday for an annual charity event to support a cardiac rehabilitation unit.

The annual five-mile Action Heart run took place with 440 in the race which started and finished at RusSELLS Hall Hospital.

The winner was Martin Williams, of Tipton Harriers, in a time of 26 minutes and 33 seconds, while the fastest woman was Melanie James in 31 minutes 54 seconds.

# TOWN FACING GRAVE CRISIS

Report by Alex Ross

**DUDLEY Cemetery could run out burial space by this autumn unless a 'critical' council scheme for 1,000 plots is given the go-ahead.**

With only 140 plots remaining at the burial site in Stourbridge Road, the council has submitted plans for 1,000 new adults plots, 150 cremation plots and 140 small plots, on a former football pitch on the opposite side of Cleve Road.

The expansion is needed to create enough plots to bury Dudley's dead for the next 30 to 40 years with the current site due to be filled within around six months.

In a planning statement submitted by the council, head of amenities Stuart Connelly said: "This is brought forward in response to a proven borough-wide need that is becoming increasingly critical for the existing Dudley Cemetery site.

"Full capacity is expected at this site in autumn 2014. The proposed cemetery extension will provide much-needed burial ground for the next 30 to 40 years for the residents of Dudley.

### Selected

"This site has been carefully selected against nearby open spaces through feasibility study and consultation with officers and has clearly proven to be the logical choice."

The proposed site for the expansion is a grass area currently used for five-a-side football pitches. No organised teams are based there. The pitch surface has been described as not in a good quality with the pitches branded a 'fairly basic, makeshift facility'. The council plans to replace it with a new mini-football pitch and will begin discussions with Sport England.

The cemetery extension has been designed to accommodate all religious and cultural traditions. Consultation has taken place with religious leaders in the town.

A 12-space car park will be at the site. The plans have been unveiled as the council prepares to hike its burial fees by 15 per cent from April.

The cost of exclusive right of burial will rise from £1,400 to £1,610 for an earthen grave and from £1,573 to £1,809 for a brick grave. These are increases of 12 and 15 per cent.

Cremation costs for an adult will increase from £607 to £650. The cost of additional chapel time, including an organist, will go up from £118 to £126 per half hour. The fee for a woodland grave will go up from £325 to £374.

## Hole-in-one world record hope



Golfer Shaun Messer, right, with his fellow Dudley Swiller Craig Biddulph

A FIREMAN wowed his fellow golfers after hitting an incredible 157-yard hole-in-one with his putter.

Shaun Messer, a fire safety officer, was on an annual golfing trip in Thailand with the Dudley Swillers when he managed the amazing shot, on the par three 17th hole of the Red Mountain course in Phuket.

The current world record for a hole in one with a putter was set on November 6 2001,

when Fergus Muir successfully sank a putt measuring 125 yards on the Eden Course at St Andrews Links, Scotland.

It is not yet known if Mr Messer's remarkable shot would comply with all the specific guidelines for it to become a new Guinness World Record, which includes whether the golf ball would conform with specifications set out in the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews.

## Housing rent rise attacked by Tories

A HIKE in rent rates for council tenants in Dudley has been condemned for hitting cash-strapped families.

The rent rise forms part of a project to spend £206 million on improving thousands of council homes in the borough.

Dudley Council agreed to increase rents by 1.5 per cent and approve the multi-million scheme at a meeting this week. The rise works out as an average of £1.22 a week from April but is lower than last year's increase of 4.6 per cent.

Conservative councillors say the Labour-run council is imposing an increase which could have been avoided.

Tory housing spokesman Councillor Bob James said: "Under the last Labour government, councils were required to increase rents until there was parity with the private rented sector. The coalition government have now said that there is no longer a requirement for us to do this. Therefore a rent increase this year could be avoided."

Housing chief Councillor Steve Waltho referred to a consultation with the board of the Dudley Federation of Tenants' and Residents' Associations (DFTRA) when the board had accepted the rise. "They are the ones who I would listen too. If they are happy then I'm happy," Councillor Waltho added.

## Four hurt in car accident

THREE men and a nine-year-old boy were injured in a crash involving two cars and a parked van.

The collision happened on the Halesowen Road, Netherton, at about 5.25pm on Sunday. A Mazda crashed into the parked van before hitting an oncoming Renault Megané, in which the boy was a passenger. The Mazda driver had been pulled out by paramedics when fire crews arrived but they had to cut the roof off to free a passenger.



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## Wildlife and flowers set to flourish

DARK and overgrown woodlands will be transformed into colourful wildlife havens thanks to a £200,000 cash grant.

Money has been given to the Wildlife Trust for Birmingham and the Black Country.

Natural England has handed over the cash after being impressed by the way the trust works with communities to improve its woodlands. Milking Bank in Dudley and Row-

ley Hills are among the areas set to benefit.

Birmingham's Cannon Hill Park will also be improved thanks to the £200,000 cash injection.

Under the project dense areas of woodland will be cleared and new trees and plants added.

Bosses say they hope to create 'attractive areas for people to enjoy and for wildlife to flourish'.

Simon Atkinson, nature improve-

ment area programme manager for Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust, said: "This is fantastic opportunity to make better places for people and wildlife right across Birmingham and the Black Country by creating species-rich woodlands from species-poor plantations."

"The extra money is a real demonstration of confidence in the brilliant urban nature conservation

that's being done here. Everyone who is involved in these projects should be proud of what they're achieving because the impact of it will be felt for years to come."

Bluebells, wood anemone and primroses will be among the plants and flowers used in thinned-down areas of woodlands.

Volunteers will also be drafted in help to carry out the clearing and planting work.

## 'Special' protection on public transport

**TWELVE special constables have been hired to patrol buses, trains and trams in the West Midlands following the murder of Halesowen schoolgirl Christina Edkins.**

The recruits taken on by West Midlands Police and British Transport Police form part of the Safer Travel team and will be the first 'Specials' dedicated solely to policing the region's public transport.

## Our region really means business

A BLACK Country town has been ranked among the most promising investment locations in Europe.

The high ranking from FDI magazine, a Financial Times publication, has been welcomed by business bosses.

The magazine has placed Walsall seventh in the European regions for business friendliness in the small city category, appearing above Oxford and Geneva.

## Boost

In a further boost, the Black Country's Local Enterprise Partnership, which brings business and council bosses together to boost the economy, was placed 10th best in the country.

The magazine assessed a mixture of data and expert opinion to rank European cities, towns and regions in categories including business friendliness, economic potential, cost-effectiveness, infrastructure, labour environment, and foreign investment strategy.

Wayne Langford, head of Invest Black Country, said Black Country firms were producing products sold across the world.

Sixteen-year-old Christina Edkins was stabbed to death by paranoid schizophrenic Phillip Simelane as she sat on a bus in Hagley Road, Birmingham, when on her way to school in Halesowen on March 7 last year.

Simelane has been sentenced to be detained indefinitely under the Mental Health Act.

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner Bob Jones vowed to make public transport safer.

The 12 volunteers were sworn in as Special Constables at a ceremony at the Safer Travel Command Centre in Birmingham. The men and women include full-time students and bus drivers.

Inspector Lee Gordon, in charge of the Safer Travel Team, said: "I am delighted to welcome these new officers to the team. Special Constables make a valuable contribution to local policing and provide an important link with the community."

"They will provide a visible reassurance for people using trains, trams and buses, help reduce crime and make passengers feel safe and secure."

Mr Jones said: "I salute the Special Constables, they are remarkable people who serve the community and play a vital role in policing."

Crime on buses in the West Midlands has fallen by 67 per cent in six years to 2,398 incidents in the last financial year.

## Raiders target charity again



Steve Tracey surveys the damage at Christians In Action in Dudley's base

A CHARITY donating white goods to the poor has been cleaned out of much-needed stock following a third burglary in a month.

Christians in Action Genesis Project founder Steve Tracey has hit out at the 'scumbag' thieves who took the remaining items at their base in Dudley on Saturday night. The charity, based in the Thornleigh Trading Estate, had already been hit with a ton and a half of its stock stolen the week-end before.

"We work so hard to help people and then scumbags like this come and take everything you have."

"To be honest with you, I'm at my wits' end," said Mr Tracey.

"We have a waiting list of people needing washing machines, fridges but they won't be getting what they need now."

The charity was first targeted four weeks ago when thieves cut through fencing and made off with a lawn mower and four bikes.

## Council's app for advice on dementia

A NEW smartphone app designed to give people the knowledge and confidence to support someone with dementia was being launched with a theatre performance in Halesowen this week.

The mobile application has been produced by Dudley Council's dementia gateway service in partnership with community interest company, Equip 4 Change.

People will be able to download the app from the council's website to their smart phone or other device.

## Priority

It was being launched during a special performance of Finding Joy, a play performed by mask and mime company Vamos on yesterday evening at the Cornbow Hall.

Councillor Dave Brannwood, cabinet member for adult, community and housing services on the council, said: "Supporting people with dementia and their families is a key priority for the council. As the number of people with dementia is predicted to rise in coming years, our new app can provide information about its effects and the support available locally."

## Blaze broke out at pub

A MAN was taken to hospital after a fire broke out in a kitchen at a Stourbridge pub.

Fire fighters were called to the blaze at the Royal Exchange Pub on Enville Street just after midnight on Saturday.

When they arrived they discovered a fire in a kitchen in the residential area of the premises.

A man who investigated the fire had to be treated for smoke inhalation and was taken to hospital as a precaution.

The pub, which is a mid-terraced property, wasn't open at the time.

## Raging brew

BREW talking to me? A beer in tribute to movie star Robert De Niro is going on sale in pubs run by Holden's Brewery.

The Woodsetton brewery is releasing a different movie-themed ale each month. March's brew, Aging Bull, is a 4.8 per cent strength beer.

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## NEWS

NEWS  
in briefSearch is on for  
the best taxi firm

NOMINATIONS are being collected for the taxi version of the Oscars taking place in Dudley.

People are being asked to be the driving force by putting forward their favourite taxi firm serving the borough.

The Taxi Base of the Year award is an annual competition, run by Dudley Council, to celebrate good service provided by the borough's hackney carriage and private hire taxi firms. This is the second year the competition has been run.

A diet dilemma  
with zoo youngster

IT'S not unusual for youngsters not to be keen on fruit and vegetables but a four-month-old rhea at Dudley Zoo called Boomer only likes lettuce.

Keepers are trying to entice him with a wider menu and wean the hand-reared bird off his baby food.

Armed with platefuls of nutritious sliced apple, carrot, cabbage and flaked maize, keepers are trying to encourage him. Keeper Ben Vane said: "We'll continue working with him every day until he's eating everything we give him."

Recruits call on  
university 'Army'

STUDENTS and staff are being urged to sign up to a new army platoon which is being set up by the University of Wolverhampton.

The educational establishment is to become one of the first in the country to offer army training. It will see those who sign up made members of the Army Reserve, formally known as the Territorial Army.

Pie Factory in  
bid to expand

MAD O'Rourke's Pie Factory pub, a long-established landmark in the Black Country, is set to expand in a bid to cope with increasing demand and soaring customer numbers, it has emerged.

Pete Towler, who stepped in to buy the site back from administrators in 2011, has now submitted expansion plans.

## Wedding show

THE National Wedding Show is at the NEC from tomorrow to Sunday.

The exhibition is expected to attract more than 6,000 brides-to-be and features more than 250 wedding specialists.

Widower  
died after  
bed fall  
accident

A WIDOWER died after suffering a head injury in a fall at a nursing home where he was temporarily staying.

John Bowen, aged 93, was attempting to get out of bed unassisted at Rosewood Nursing Home, Dudley, when he took a tumble.

Smethwick Coroners Court on Monday was told a member of staff had heard a bump at around 7am on February 17 and immediately looked in on him.

The retired structural engineer, of Oakland Drive, Gornal Wood, was found on the floor, lying on his back with an injury to his eye. He was rushed to Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital where he died two days later.

Black Country coroner Mr Robin Balmain said medical cause of death was multiple inter cerebral bleeding due to the fall. He gave a conclusion of death by accident.

Mr Balmain said: "Mr Bowen was staying at the nursing home for respite care. Mr Bowen was wearing his pyjamas and it appears he was trying to get out of bed. He had a history of being unsteady on his feet."

"His family say the care given to Mr Bowen was extremely good."

Dinosaurs  
at safari park

VISITORS to West Midland Safari Park could soon be walking with dinosaurs as the attraction plans for a huge new investment.

Park bosses at Bewdley are planning to open their own version of Jurassic Park with an open-air exhibition featuring life-size animatronic dinosaurs. The exhibition is being designed to be created on land occupied by the Safari Express train, which will be taken out of use, and is being considered by Wyre Forest planners next month.

The new attraction would also feature a 4D cinema.

## Antiques fair

AN antiques fair will be held in Kinvor this weekend. It will take place at Kinvor Community Centre on Sunday between 10am and 3.30pm. Waverley Fairs holds an antiques and collectors fair on the first Sunday each month at the centre. Call 0121 550 4123.

## Doing it his way lands 'Sinatra' in court



Singer Jim McAllister

HE has performed across the world as a Frank Sinatra tribute act but Halesowen singer Jim McAllister certainly did something stupid at a restaurant.

The 45-year-old, who has performed in Las Vegas, punched a glass table lamp and damaged a door after losing his cool because he believed he had been short-changed £100 by restaurant owner Nina Tiara. Worcester Magistrates Court heard the incident happened at the Rajdoot Tandori restaurant near Droitwich on June 28.

Prosecutor Lesley Ashton said: "He had been booked by the owner of the restaurant. She left an envelope containing £300 for him as payment but McAllister said he was owed a payment of £400 for a cancelled date."

"Ms Tiara explained she would not be able to pay him the £400. He became agitated and said 'I'm getting done again by you'. McAllister then stormed out of the conservatory and lashed out by punching a large table lamp and then a fluted glass container."

"There was damage to the door." Sunil Jagatir, defending, said: "There used to be a good working relationship between them but this started to break down after several times Ms Tiara had cancelled gigs at short notice leaving him around £600 out of pocket."

"It came to a head this night as he was called at short notice but agreed to play with a fee of £300 being agreed. McAllister said for an extra £100 he would play to cover for previous cancelled dates. He only found £300 as payment. He was told he

could not speak to the owner and he became very angry and lashed out." After the hearing, McAllister admitted 'losing it'. "Unfortunately as I left the restaurant I slammed the door and the glass in it smashed. I was just pushed over the edge, I have done the job for 18 years and have hundreds of happy clients."

McAllister, of Richmond Street, admitted criminal damage and was given a 12-month conditional discharge. He was ordered to pay £670 compensation with £85 costs and £15 victim surcharge.

Proposed mosque site  
could be used for homes

A SITE earmarked for a mosque in Dudley could be used to build homes on once it has been returned to council hands.

Dudley Muslim Association lost its latest appeal, at the High Court, in a long-running legal battle with Dudley Council over the site in Hall Street.

A court order will now be issued setting a date for when the association must transfer

the land back to the authority and when it will have to pay the council's legal costs. The borough's Conservative group has called for the site to immediately be re-designated for housing use once it has been returned to the authority. They say it is vital the land is not left derelict and housing would compliment a nearby development for new homes taking place at nearby Constitution Hill.

**Transfer**

Leader of the Conservative group Councillor Patrick Harley said: "By my understanding the next step will be a court order will be issued setting the date for when the land is transferred back to the council."

"Once this has been done and the transfer has taken place it is vital a new use is found for this land. It is too important a site to be vacant. We will be calling for the land to be re-designated for housing use."

"There is a need for more homes in the Dudley area and this would help to meet that demand. It would also compliment other housing developments nearby."

Dudley Muslim Association has not commented. The organisation had lodged the appeal after its defence to the council's action to reclaim the land was struck out at an earlier hearing.

Deputy Judge David Halpern QC upheld the earlier ruling.

## Mayor toasts volunteers with a cuppa



Mayor of Dudley Councillor Alan Finch and his wife Heather hosting local volunteers and award sponsors

VOLUNTEERS from across Dudley were invited to afternoon tea with the Mayor as a special thanks for their award-winning work.

Fourteen winners of last year's Dudley Volunteer Awards were given a tour of the Mayor's Parlour before enjoying a cuppa with Councillor Alan Finch to celebrate their achievements.

They were also presented with framed photographs from the awards evening.

Among the winners was Christine Rich, who won the prestigious Gordon

Lindsay award for her long service to volunteering as a Friend of Priory Park.

Fourteen volunteers accepted the Mayor's invitation to his Chamber, including Brett Harris of Blaze hair-dressing salon in Kingswinford, who picked up the inaugural Business Supporting the Community award.

Other guests included 2013 Dudley Young Volunteer of the Year Emily Simmons and Keith Sabin of Dudley Sea Cadets. Laxmi Patel represented Shree Gujarati Hindu Youth Club,

which was highly commended in the 2013 Young Volunteers of the Year category.

Brendan McKeown, information officer for Dudley Council for Voluntary Service, said: "Councillor Finch invited the award-winning volunteers to have a guided tour of the Mayor's parlour and enjoy a cup of tea before presenting them with framed photographs from the 2013 awards evening with which to mark the borough's appreciation of their volunteering."

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THE BEST  
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RHODES

A READER is troubled by the British Gas advert offering "unlimited" call-outs to fix your broken boiler. He says: "It doesn't say much for the quality of the plumbers they employ, does it?" He's got a point. What is the difference between unlimited call-outs and one flaming call-out after another?

**FORTY** religious leaders condemn government welfare policy and the numbers relying on food banks, and reap a rich crop of headlines ("Bishops Slam Cam Over UK's Hunger Crisis" - Daily Mirror). It is a puzzle of this cheerfully godless age of ours that we still pay attention to the views of people whose only claim to authority is being far more superstitious than the rest of us.

DAVID Miranda this week lost his High Court case claiming he had been unlawfully detained at Heathrow while carrying computer files for his partner, Guardian journalist Glenn Greenwald. Miranda says he will appeal "and keep appealing to the end," and he probably will. A High Court case and subsequent appeals would bankrupt most folk but there always seems to be a bottomless pot of money for people fighting cases such as this. And six months after the incident, we still don't know what Miranda was doing at Heathrow in the first place. His mission was to get from Berlin to his home in Brazil. He could have taken any number of direct flights. Instead, bizarrely, he flew into one of only two countries in the world (the other being the United States) where he was likely to be detained. The flight was arranged and paid for by the Guardian. Amid all the tub-thumping about national security and press freedom, we are not being told even half of this story. If I were a conspiracy theorist I might think the Guardian brought Miranda to Heathrow as part of a win-win operation. If he gets nicked you have a great story about the UK authorities attacking press freedom. If he doesn't get nicked, you have a great story about tens of thousands of confidential files slipping in and out of the country under the noses of bungling cops. Gosh, what an old cynic I am.

WITH the row over keeping the pound and losing EU membership, the Scottish independence debate was looking like one of those deliciously civilised divorces when the couple are determined to stay friends. She wants the Volvo? No problem. He wants the piano? Be my guest. And then suddenly you hit a raw point. The civilised smiles vanish. Spitting, snarling fury takes over. What's that? You'd like the dog, too? Over my dead body, you greedy cow. But the longer this saga drags on, the more you realise it isn't like a divorce at all. A married couple is made up of two separate bodies but Scotland and England are hard-wired into each other. We share the same blood, muscle and sinews. Independence is like separating a pair of conjoined twins. Given enough time and clever, skilled surgeons, it might be done with both twins surviving. But time is running out and we don't see much skill or cleverness, just a lot of posturing and waving of claymores. This could get very bloody indeed.

A READER enquires: "Does the chairman of a fishing club have the casting vote?"

A GREAT little documentary on BBC World Service told how the locals looted (or "saved," as they put it) the cargo of whisky from SS Politician, a cargo ship which sank in 1941 off the Scottish island of Eriskay. The plundering of thousands of cases of single malt was the basis of the book and film Whisky Galore! and has been told many times. But the radio documentary reveals that some islanders were so "under the influence," as one old chap put it, that they forgot where they had buried it. It's still up there...

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

## Cause of plane crash is revealed

AN engine lost power and a pensioner's plane landed upside down as it crashed in a field near Wolverhampton Halfpenny Green Airfield, a report has said.

A new report into the incident - which happened last October and saw the pilot walk away without a scratch - he also made an incorrect selection on his control pad after the engine failure.

The pilot was trapped in the

cockpit of the plane, which received damage to its fin and the propeller.

However, the 65-year-old, flying a 1982-built Cassutt Racer craft, owned by Dudley man Terence Dennis Gardner, was uninjured.

The report says the crash happened on the morning of October 19 and the pilot, who had 303 hours' flying experience, was engaged in 'circuit practice'.

It added: "On base leg of the first

circuit, the engine lost power. Unable to reach the runway, the pilot landed the aircraft in a ploughed field short of the runway threshold.

"It pitched over, inverted, and he was trapped in the cockpit until rescued by the Airfield Fire Service."

"He believes that he may have inadvertently selected the mixture control to fully lean on the downwind leg instead of applying the carburettor heat. The aircraft rolled

for about 50 ft before pitching over, inverted some 250 to 300m before the runway threshold."

Flight information service officer at the airport, Tony Rowlands, said at the time the crash had been as a result of partial engine failure.

He added: "I've worked here for eight years and that's the first accident of that nature I've ever seen. It was very unusual. Luckily, the pilot only had minor injuries."

## Mother relieved by life means life ruling

THE mother of murdered Hagley paper boy Stuart Gough has spoken of her relief that British judges have upheld 'life means life' sentences, which should ensure her son's killer dies in jail.

It is 26 years since 14-year-old Stuart was kidnapped on his paper round and killed by warehouseman Victor Miller.

But not a day goes by without his mother, Jean, now 70, thinking about her son. Last July she was horror-stricken when the European Court of Human Rights ruled that whole life sentences were 'unlawful' because there was no prospect of a review of the length of time a prisoner would stay in jail.

But last week Court of Appeal judges decreed that life can mean life for the most heinous crimes.

Jean Gough said: "The European court said its decision was for human rights but what about Stuart's human rights? I'm glad that our own legal system has seen sense."

Stuart, from Worcester Road, a student at Haybridge High School, was snatched by Miller, of Penn Fields, on January 17, 1988. His body was found 50 miles from home in a remote wood near Ledbury, Herefordshire, two weeks later.

The discovery was made after Miller was arrested for threatening to kill an abat-

by Louise Jew

toir worker two days before Stuart disappeared. The killer led police to the body. He admitted murder and was sentenced to life.

The European court had ruled whole-life sentences had to have the possibility of release and to be compatible with the European Convention on Human Rights there should be some way of having a sentence reviewed after 25 years. That followed an appeal by murderers Jeremy Bamber, Douglas Vinter and Peter Moore.

In the latest Court of Appeal ruling, the panel of five judges found that the Strasbourg court had been wrong in its conclusion that the law of England and Wales did not clearly provide the possibility that a whole-life prison term could ever be reduced. They said a power of review arose if there were "exceptional circumstances". Lord Chief Justice Lord Thomas said judges could continue to give life sentences for the worst crimes.

## Talks on historic landmark

TALKS will be held to try and secure the future of the historic Bratch Pumping Station in Wombourne.

The Grade II listed building, has fallen into a state of disrepair in recent years and there have been fears for its future.

Now it has emerged that a working group is being set up to try and come up with options for the site.

Owners Severn Trent Water say they will work with officials to 'find a long term solution for its future'.

The pumping station is one of only 50 of its kind in England. It was built in 1895.

## Beards and beer go together



Bearded brewer James Fownes, right, with landlord Tony Colpitt and finalist Derwin Bennett

LONG 'Uncle Albert' style, short, 'muttonchops', goatee or 'musketeer'.... The owners of some very fine facial hair are grooming themselves ready for the Black Country 'Beard of the Year' contest.

Even the ladies are included with a category for them to show off fake beards they have fashioned.

The Dudley-based Fownes Brewing Co is holding the final of its hairy quest at

the Wheatshaf pub in Birmingham Road, Walsall, on March 1. Brothers James and Thomas Fownes, who run the brewery in Clarence Street, Upper Gornal, sport beards themselves. They call themselves a 'Dwarfen brewery' with their beers inspired by Norse myths and fantasy literature.

Members of Wolverhampton Campaign for Real Ale are already judging photographs of the entrants.

## Author's guide to Victorian way of life

A HISTORIAN from Stourbridge is celebrating the publication of her seventh book.

Michelle Higgs, of Vale Street, Amblecote, has penned A Visitor's Guide to Victorian England.

It is written in the style of a travel guide and describes what people would see, hear and smell if they could time travel to the Victorian era.

The book is aimed at fans of social history, costume drama and those with an interest in the 19th century.

The 42-year-old has previously written books about Victorian workhouses, prisons and hospitals but this is her first general Victorian social history.

"I've been fascinated by the Victorian period for more than 20 years and I love looking for the little details that bring the story to life," she said.

"I've always wanted to write a book like this, so it's a dream come true to finally see it in print."

Michelle is a supply teacher and freelance writer specialising in history and heritage.

Her next book will focus on domestic service, from the servants' point of view.

## Jobless fall not reflected

UNEMPLOYMENT in the UK has fallen again but job queues are getting longer in Dudley.

National figures show a 125,000 drop in unemployment between October and December last year to 2.34 million.

In the West Midlands unemployment fell by 31,000 to 226,000, although at 8.2 per cent the region's jobless rate is higher than the 7.2 per cent national average.

But in Dudley the number claiming Jobseeker's Allowance last month was up 270 on December to 8,271, or 4.3 per cent of the borough's working population.

## Tribute to Elvis

ELVIS Presley tribute act Mario Kombou brings his The Elvis Years show to Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre for one night only on Sunday. The two-hour concert will feature 40 of the King of Rock 'n' Roll's hits. Tickets cost £19.50 plus fees. Call 01902 429212.

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## College expands in gallery takeover

CONVERSION of the controversial former Public arts centre and gallery into a sixth form centre will create hundreds more college spaces than first expected.

Not only will the new Central Sixth facility at the New Street centre in West Bromwich town centre have space for 800 students, but the move will also free up an entire floor of the £77 million Sandwell College building at Spon Lane.

Sandwell College Vice-Principal Scott Upton said: "Central Sixth students currently occupy the entire sixth floor of Central Campus. Their move to The Public in September will allow other curriculum areas in the college to expand their provision and the numbers of students they can accommodate."

Work has begun on the sixth form centre. Bosses have received nearly 1,000 applicants for places at the facility, which will open in September. Bosses say many of the unique spaces in the building will be used as seminar and 'breakout' environments for learning.

The centre will be open to the public with a renovated café and exhibition space. A business support centre will also be provided.

## Club show for mayor's fund

TICKETS have gone on sale for charity variety show.

Eight musical and dance acts have been lined up for March 14. The night features Tony Gold and friends. Money raised at the event will go to charities nominated by Mayor of Dudley Councillor Alan Finch.

The mayor's nominated charities are Hearing Dogs for Deaf People and White House Cancer Support.

The show starts at 8pm and will take place at Parkes Hall Social Club, on Parkes Hall Road, Dudley.

Tickets cost £3, available from the club or by calling Tony on 07909 886591.

## Talk on benefits

THE British Polio Fellowship is to hold a talk at Woodfield Social and Sports Club, Penn, on Monday at 7pm. As part of the charity's 75th anniversary, information officer Laura Skorupa will explain benefit changes. Call 0800 018 0586 or visit [www.britishpolio.org.uk](http://www.britishpolio.org.uk)

# People think we're racist, says Tory candidate



Tory candidate Afzal Amin

A CONSERVATIVE candidate says the party has not done enough to convince voters that it is not 'racist'.

Afzal Amin, who is standing in Dudley North at next year's General Election, says that people from minority communities still perceive the party to be against them. He wants his party to talk to people from minority communities as the British citizens they are rather than 'as though they belong somewhere else'.

The Muslim former army captain,

aged 39, served tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He wants people from minority backgrounds to join the Conservative party and be selected as candidates but on their own merit rather than due to ethnic origin.

"What's very clear to me is that in the Sandwell and Dudley areas, where I grew up and I now live, for the vast majority of people, whether they're black or from the Indian subcontinent, the general perception is that the party remains a racist party and we have not done

enough to convince them that this is not the case," he said.

"The policies we have are very, very good policies, and they are very good policies but often we communicate with our ethnic minority voters as though they belong somewhere else. We can't communicate to our ethnic minority voters with the primary reference point being the countries that their fathers came from."

"My family and I do not want to be communicated to because our father came from India - talk to

me because of the NHS and other things that we are interested in."

Mr Amin is trying to unseat Labour's Ian Austin in the marginal Dudley North constituency.

He added: "When we talk about immigration we have to be unequivocal that we're not talking about people whose families came here three or four generations ago, we're talking about people coming now. The biggest economy in the world, the United States, was built on immigration. But we need to speak about sensible controls."

# Routes serving Merry Hill get £1.2m revamp

A £1.2million plan to improve pedestrian and bus routes around Merry Hill has been lodged with planners and it is hoped work will start later this year.

Dudley Council has received Government funding to carry out the work which includes installing a traffic lights controlled crossing for shoppers on the Pedmore Road.

## Scheme to tackle last remaining bottleneck

ALTHOUGH the Merry Hill bus station plans have been put on hold, other projects in the Black Country have been more successful in getting transport funding.

The Cradley Heath interchange, next to the town's railway station, will be given a £1.9 million revamp.

As part of Centro's funding programme it will invest £3.3m on new buses, £1m of shelter and information improvements on eight key routes into Brierley Hill, and £700,000 towards the Black Country Swift smart card scheme in Dudley.

Dudley Council is also working on a £4.2m plan to improve nearby Pensnett High Street. It aims to help businesses as well as motorists in the borough including people travelling to Merry Hill and also Russells Hall Hospital.

The A4101 High Street used by many travelling from Kingswinford, has been described as 'the last remaining bottleneck' between the Pensnett Trading Estate and junction 2 of the M5 at Oldbury.

The crossing is being built near the spot where 53-year-old taxman Chris Clarke was knocked down as he walked to work at the nearby HM Revenue & Customs at The Waterfront in April last year. His family has welcomed improvements on the road.

Officers are working with transport authority Centro on the proposals and hope to secure planning permission for the scheme next month.

## Junction

Changes will also be made to the junction of The Boulevard and Mill Street to provide priority to buses to make it easier for them to accessing and leaving the centre. A new segregated signal controlled bus lane and gate will be created.

It comes after a planned £3m bus station at Merry Hill was shelved because transport bosses feared it would be too expensive.

The council's transport boss Councillor Khurshid Ahmed said: "Planning applications for both of these projects have already been submitted and it is likely they will be considered by the Development Control Committee next month before work can start on site later in the year."

The council received £1.1m from the Government towards the scheme and have earmarked a further £100,000 from the council's 2014/15 transport fund.

## Flag unveiled for Commonwealth Day



With the Commonwealth flag at the Shri Venkateswara Balaji temple in Tividale is Lord Lieutenant Paul Sabapathy

DOZENS of civic dignitaries gathered for the ceremonial unveiling of a Commonwealth flag which will be hoisted to mark the contribution of its nations to the UK.

The Shri Venkateswara Balaji Temple in Tividale was chosen to host the event which was held to officially hand over the flag which will be flown at council houses across the region to mark Commonwealth Day on March 10.

Around 150 leaders from authorities turned out for the occasion, as

well as Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of the West Midlands, Paul Sabapathy, whose duty it is to represent the Queen, as well as the High Sheriff Christine Braddock.

## Historic

Leo O'Toole, from the Hindu temple's management team, said the venue was chosen because of its reputation for hosting inter-faith events as well as supporting secular groups.

He said: "It really was a unique and historic occasion which embraced the

temple's collaboration with all types of groups."

"It was rare indeed to welcome all the mayors of the West Midlands together and a great honour for the temple."

Commonwealth Day is held to celebrate the UK's links and relationship with the Commonwealth nations, and the contribution they make to creating a more diverse culture.

Mr O'Toole added it was a pleasure to work with Sandwell Council to promote the gathering.

## NEWS in brief

### Tour of hospital maternity unit

VISITORS to a hospital can go behind the scenes of the maternity department during a special tour next month.

Staff at Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley will also be showing people around the neonatal unit and children's ward to showcase the care, services and facilities available to patients.

The tour takes place at 6pm on March 13. Places are limited, anyone wishing to attend should call organiser Helen Board on (01384) 321124 or email [helen.board@dgh.nhs.uk](mailto:helen.board@dgh.nhs.uk)

### Over the Edge strikes gold again

A VILLAGE brewery has won a gold award at the National Winter Ales Festival.

Over The Edge brewed by Kinver Brewery, near Stourbridge, was judged top in the barley wine category at the opening day of the festival in the Roundhouse, Derby, last week.

Over The Edge, a 7.5 per cent strength ale has been West Midlands champion beer for two years running. Kinver Brewery, started by Dave Kelly and Ian Davies, is now based at Rocky Wall, near Kinver Edge.

### Singing to help hospice funds

BRIERLEY Hill Musical Theatre Company present A Grand Night for Singing on March 8. The event takes place at Brierley Hill Civic Hall, in Bank Street, from 7.30pm. Proceeds will be donated to Mary Stevens Hospice.

Tickets cost £8, available from Irene Layton on 0121 550 8631 or the charity's fundraising department on 01384 377778.

### Table top sale at the village hall

A TABLE top sale will be held at a village hall near Stourbridge.

The event is at Stourton Village Hall, off Bridgnorth Road, on Saturday, from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

People who would like a stall at the event are asked to call organisers on 01384 872073. Cash raised will go towards the upkeep of the village hall.

### Fans in the saddle

BAGGIES fans are sought for a 100k bike ride aimed to raise £500,000 for a children's charity, setting off from The Hawthorns on May 24. For details or to register visit [www.wheelsforchange.co.uk](http://www.wheelsforchange.co.uk)

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## IN MY VIEW

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SO, the men's curling team failed to make gold at the Winter Olympics.

Truth be told, I was a little surprised, I would have thought if there was any sport the British should be good at, it would involve young men in orange jump suits sweeping up stones with a brush.

Or Community Payback, as it is sometimes known.

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**MALFUNCTIONING** vending machines are right up there with pay-and-display car parks and automated telephone-answering services when it comes to the scourges of modern life.

Their operators rake in a fortune from poor unfortunate individuals who put money into them for no reward, before meekly walking away having decided that a 60p bar of chocolate is not worth going to war over.

Raise a glass, then, to Afghan war veteran Robert McKeivitt, who is clearly made of much sterner stuff.

Feeling a snack gap during his shift in a warehouse, he tried to buy a Twix from his work's vending machine.

The machine swallowed his money without delivering the goods, so showing commendable restraint he put another coin in the slot.

Deciding that a more direct approach was needed, he then took a forklift truck to the errant machine, allegedly dropping it six times onto the floor, eventually releasing three Twix bars from the dispenser.

He got the sack, of course, but he did get a free Twix for his trouble. And struck a blow for disgruntled consumers everywhere.

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NEXT time political commentators start banging on about the poor turnouts at elections in this country, remember the carnage that is taking place in the Ukraine at the moment and be grateful that the British are so splendidly indifferent.

The Ukraine is a country divided, split down the middle between those who want greater links with what remains of the old USSR, and those who seek closer ties with the European Union.

How people can get so worked up over politics seems ridiculous to us in Britain. But of course, all we have to worry about is which band of London-centric, well-to-do liberal types get the ministerial limos for the next five years, so it is hard to get too excited one way or the other.

By comparison, the choices facing the people of the Ukraine are stark indeed. Half of the people seem to want to be ruled by an unelected, undemocratic empire which will suppress their liberty and stamp out their sovereignty. And the other half want to be ruled by Russia.



A signed message to Pete from George Harrison



Art attack - limited edition artwork of John Lennon



Album cover with the band dressed as butchers

# Come Together to hear Fab Four

Peter Dicks has Let It Be known he is dedicated to Beatles memorabilia, as **ROB GOLLEDGE** reports

**'KNOCK-KNOCK' - 'who's there?' - 'One Direction' - 'One Direction, Who?' - 'Exactly!' jokes Peter Dicks.**

It is a gag not unexpected from a man who for 13 years he has been reaching listeners across the globe as the host of the longest-running dedicated Beatles radio show in Europe - a show recorded in the basement of his semi-detached home in Walsall.

Peter's studio is crammed with every type of Beatles-themed merchandise you could imagine.

Posters, photographs, a toy Yellow Submarine, Fab Four liveried Corgi cars, and wall-to-wall vinyl.

There is a story behind every gem among his hoard. How he obtained it, why it is significant, and why he loves it.

## Tenuous

And his own personal story is an incredible one. It started with a chance appearance on a local radio station. Now, he receives correspondence from Beatles fans all over the world and even Christmas cards from Yoko Ono.

But what makes his show unique is that he does not exclusively play The Beatles' tunes. He plays any music with a link, no matter how tenuous, to John, Paul, George, Ringo - even Stuart Sutcliffe and Pete Best.

He will play the music of Bob Dylan - explaining how the American singer-songwriter influenced the four Liverpoolians.

Another show will play Doris Troy because she was signed to The Beatles' Apple Records label and would later go on to work with George Harrison.



Fan and presenter of Beatles and Beyond, Pete Dicks, from Walsall

He's even had guitarist Jackie Lomax, who was signed up to Apple Records and worked with Harrison and Eric Clapton, appear on his show, stay at his home, and play a private gig for him and his wife Janet.

Any connection in any way, Peter is interested.

His own story started in 1999 when he was working for a motoring company in Birmingham and a colleague said he should write to the presenter of a local radio show about record collectors.

"He knew I collected records so said I should write in," he said. "So I wrote to

show. It was not until the mid-60s when classical music was in Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band that I got into The Beatles - and it grew from there."

He records his show every week on equipment in his basement and sends it out to a string of community radio stations - including WCRfm in Wolverhampton and Chase FM in Cannock.

Due to the rise of the internet his show is available for download on iTunes which has seen it picked up by stations across the Pond and is a big hit with listeners in the USA which is currently celebrating 50 years since The Beatles arrived in the States. It is the only radio show to be recommended by The Beatles Story exhibition in Liverpool.

Now, the self-employed agency worker has been asked to help write books, appear at events and represented John Lennon on the BBC 'Greatest Britons' programme with Bill Harry, Paul Gambaccini and Bob Harris in 2002.

## Envelope

The 60-year-old's most-cherished possession is a personal autograph to him signed by George Harrison and his favourite Beatles' tracks include I'm A Walrus and While My Guitar Gently Weeps.

As I sit in Peter's front room above his recording studio, he puts on a CD of the 1 album.

"What is your favourite Beatles song he asks me?"

As I frantically think of something intelligent-sounding to say, I remark that Hey Jude has become intolerable with McCartney reeling it out it seems at every opening of an envelope.

"Do you know about the swearing in Hey Jude?" Peter says excitedly.

"No," I exclaim.

With a cheeky grin he plays the song, turning up the volume at the key moment.

What is it? You will have to try to find it for yourselves.

For more information on Peter and Beatles and Beyond go to [www.beatlesandbeyond.homestead.com](http://www.beatlesandbeyond.homestead.com)

## THROUGH THE YEARS

### 1984

A PERTON mother-to-be had an amazing escape when her Mini was crushed beneath the wheels of an articulated lorry. While Lynn Pitt's car was severely damaged outside the Mermaid pub at Wightwick, the 26-year-old escaped with only cuts and bruises.

THERE was a new name in town for Black Country beer lovers, after Ansells announced would be opening a new brewery in the area. The brewing giant formed a new Black Country division called Holt, Plant and Deakin, and said it would be opening a small brewery at its Oldbury headquarters.

FORMER Wolves and England forward Jesse Pye died, aged 62. Pye, who starred alongside Billy Wright and Jimmy Mullen in the all-conquering Wolves sides of the 1950s, scored a hat-trick on his debut after signing for a fee of £10,000 in 1946. He also scored in the 1949 FA Cup final victory over Leicester City.

### 1994

WOLVERHAMPTON ground to a standstill as the area was hit by unexpected heavy snow. Even the police reduced their car patrols as the borough council admitted it had failed in its efforts to clear the roads.

PRIME Minister John Major admitted he was bewildered by youngsters who bought expensive jeans and then tore holes in them during a visit to a fashion show in the West Midlands.

A ROW broke out after Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean finished a disappointing third at the Winter Olympics in Norway. Ten years earlier, the pair had wowed judges who awarded them a 100 per cent score, but this time they finished behind two Russian duos. A TV poll found that the public thought they had been robbed this time around.

### 2004

FAMILIES were lining the walls of their homes with tin foil and installing mesh curtains over windows amid health fears over the number of mobile phone masts in the Wolverhampton area. Adam and Nicola Wright, of Essington said they had stripped the wallpaper off the walls of their home and replaced it with foil to protect their children from what they believed were potentially dangerous emissions.

WOLVES legend Bobby Mason unmasked an imposter of the same name who had been opening fetes and attending charity functions in his name. The pensioner had become a local celebrity by posing as the Tipton-born star, who played as inside forward during the club's glory years of the 1950s.

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## LETTERS

## We cannot go on polluting our world

IT is true that in history there have always been natural disasters on major and minor scales. The problem that we have now is the rate at which they are happening. If we look at our own country, the south-west has been flooded in the last seven winters and now we have seen hurricane strength winds in Wales.

We get mild winters and constant rain. The Arctic cap is 'rather substantial' but it is a scientific fact that it is reducing due to temperature change. Sea levels are rising and that also is scientific fact.

The Amazon jungle is being cut down, In-

donesia totally destroyed her forest for the sake of palm oil and now the Burmese jungle is under threat.

Whilst Britain and Western Europe do try to operate greener policies, China (and India to a lesser degree) continues to belch out pollution on an enormous scale. China's rivers are a disgrace and the population of large cities have to wear masks because of smog. We cannot go on polluting our world and destroying our resources like this without there being some penalty.

S HUNT  
Dudley

## GP must be on bus route

WHAT a waste of money to build a new doctor's surgery of £8.5m and it's not on a good bus service and we have good one at Worcester Street which has been there for over 60 years.

I'm in my 61st year and have mobility problems and have to use a stick for most of my walking. I'm not old enough to get an OAP pass and to use Ring and Ride you need one.

Why build a new surgery when it's not on a bus route? Every time now when I need an appointment I will have to book a taxi there and back at a £5 every journey.

They did not ask the patients if they wanted a new surgery.

S J ROBERTS  
Norton  
Stourbridge

## Half year of hassle for a view

FOR reasons best known to themselves those charged with regenerating Dudley town centre have decided the biggest 'problem' is that market shoppers cannot see the castle.

To correct this we are to have six months of half the town being less accessible to shoppers than ever before. Bus travellers are being asked to walk twice as far from the shops to their bus stops.

Two dozen small businesses which did have buses and cars stopping outside their front doors will, for six months, have no such passing trade.

At the end of it all, should any of those businesses survive, they will have the public looms moved thirty yards away from the town centre and their customers will be able to see the castle, which it is hoped will compensate them for losses incurred during this rebuilding period.

Some hope.  
E SHAW  
Dudley

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## From hard graft to Benefits Street

IN 1944, my Dad was with the Army fighting in Europe and I was living with my mother and three brothers in a back-to-back in Winslow Green, Birmingham.

Mom does not know where Dad is and the area has been heavily bombed but there are no state handouts for Mom — she is on her own.

To keep us all fed and clothed, first thing in the morning she cleans at a local pub, then she comes home and gets breakfast for us and sees my brothers off to school.

Then she takes me to nursery before going to her next job, cleaning at a big house in Edgbaston. She rounded off her work-

ing day as a press operator in a factory.

But she still found time to keep us clean and to do the washing.

Sometimes, when she got back, we would all go down into the cellar and make bricks from the slack for the fire.

I thought it fun but for my Mom these must have been desperate times.

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## CLUB NEWS

### Wonderful to see the happy faces

#### TRYSULL/SEISDON WI

OUR speaker for the evening was Bill Fearnough, who had come to tell us about Operation Christmas Child.

It is the world's largest children's Christmas project. Each year shoeboxes are filled with gifts and sent to needy children overseas. Last year 4,600 boxes were sent from Wolverhampton to Rumania.

In the UK alone, around 918,000 boxes were delivered to children in Eastern Europe, and almost 10 million were sent out globally.

Bill showed us a short video of a school in England who had wrapped shoeboxes in Christmas paper, filled them with presents and a photograph of their class, and then sent them abroad.

The film followed the boxes to their destination and we saw the joy on the faces of the boys and girls as they opened them.

A look ahead to some events planned for this year. On March 19 we are invited to tour round the Beacon Centre for the Blind. The visit will include lunch in their canteen. On August 6 we are going to have a Steam and Cream tea on the Churnett Valley railway, which travels through beautiful countryside, known as Staffordshire's Little Switzerland.

Our next meeting is March 13 at the village hall, Trysull, at 7.30pm. Ian Rigby will be talking about halcyon enamels. The competition is a collectable box.

## Speaker's spotlight on work for charity

#### W'TON WOMEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB

THE club held its monthly luncheon at The Lindens, Wolverhampton with 64 present including two new members.

The speaker, Mr Jerry Hobbs spoke about the charities he works for now that he is retired.

The AGM followed the talk. Reports were given by the chairman, secretary and treasurer and these were approved and seconded.

The chairman thanked the club for the support given to her over the last year and presented gifts to the three retiring com-

mittee members. The new chairman, Mrs Susan Farnath was then invested with the badge of office.

She told members there were two new committee members and asked that the committee be accepted en bloc and this was agreed.

At this week's meeting the speaker was Natasha Roderick-Jones who talked about 'the Energy Exchange'.

### Looking back to start of the tram

#### K'WINSFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DR Paul Collins was the speaker at the February meeting, his subject being By Tram from Dudley.

He recounted the story of the beginning of local trams. This was the first meeting in 2014 and new members and visitors would be welcomed at the Community Centre, High Street, Kingswinford.

Meetings are usually on the first Monday in the month, the next on Monday at 7.30pm when the speaker will be Max Keen with the History of Dudley Castle.

### Busy start to year and lots to come

#### CODSALL 'M' TG

THIS year is already proving to be a very busy one for Codsall 'M' TG.

We started off in January with a social afternoon in aid of the Macro Anophthalmic Children's Society and the Alzheimer's Cafe. More than £300 was raised.

On February 1 we joined in the celebrations for Codsall Village Hall's 50th Anniversary. There was a stall showing all of Codsall TG's activities. Several outings, lunches and events are already planned for the year ahead.

## Focus on amateur videos

#### WEST BROMWICH TG

THE February meeting of the West Bromwich Central Townswomen's Guild proved to be a most entertaining afternoon.

After the usual business preliminaries, the chairman, Mrs Joyce Brown, welcomed Mrs Maureen Cooper and Mr Les Hickman who are long-time members of the Wulfrun Camcorder

Club. They explained that this was an association of dedicated enthusiasts who meet once a week to view their latest amateur video offerings.

The guild was shown a wide variety of short films taken by members. All members agreed that

the illustrated talk had been very entertaining and thanked the presenters for braving the elements in such appalling weather.

The monthly meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 2 pm. at Moose Hall, Woodward Street, West Bromwich. The next meeting will be the AGM on March 9.

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## NEWS

# Schoolboy wheels into action in gran's memory

IN the words of her 14-year-old grandson, Frances Male was 'an amazing woman' and he credits her with making him the person he is today.

It was love for his gran that spurred Pensnett schoolboy Alex Young into action to cycle 36 miles in her memory with his father to raise money for the hospice where her life ended nearly six weeks ago.

Alex, who lives with his parents, David and Joanne, and sister Kathryn, 17, in Derwent Close, Pensnett, used to love making cakes with his gran, who died after a two-year battle against cancer, aged 70.

"She was an amazing woman who meant the world to me," said Alex, a pupil at Crestwood School, Kingswinford.

"I can't believe she lasted as long as she did but it happened so fast towards the end and it was very upsetting.

## Illness

"I only lived two minutes down the road from her and often popped in to see her.

"I wouldn't be the person I am today if not for nan and grandad."

"She was so brave in facing her illness. I'm glad I knew her."

Alex added: "She used to be a fantastic cake maker and I liked to help her make wedding cakes when I was younger."

Mrs Male, a former cleaner at St Mark's Primary School, Pensnett, lived with her husband, Roger Male, aged 71, in Comber Drive, Pensnett.

Following her death at Mary Stevens Hospice, Stourbridge, on January 17, Alex suggested to his father that they cycle along the canal network from Pensnett to Stourport and back in her memory.



Cyclist Alex Young, 14, pictured with his proud father David



'Amazing woman' — Alex's inspirational grandmother Frances Male

David Young, aged 48, who works as a printer in Wednesfield, accompanied him on the recent ride, which has raised at least £200 for the Mary Stevens Hospice.

And it was tough-going, as they battled along rain and mud-soaked tow paths in a journey that should have taken about five hours but ended up lasting for eight hours.

Mr Young said: "We tried to do the same ride last summer but I fell off my bike after about five miles and cut myself to ribbons on the gravel of the tow path."

"Then Alex had a puncture and we

had to push the bikes the last two miles to Stourport, where my wife picked us up."

## Hospice

Mr Young added: "My mother-in-law's death affected him so much he suggested that we complete the ride this time and raise money for the hospice."

Alex said: "The hospice staff were with my nan constantly and they were always there when she needed something - so I thought that would be a good cause."

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# Helping the economy to grow and business expand

NEW figures from the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) show that business optimism is at its highest for 22 years and the number of empty shops on the high street is at its lowest for four years.

These positive figures show that, while there is still a long way to go, our long-term economic plan is starting to work. It is helping the economy grow and businesses expand.

### Pay

This means that businesses will take on more people — providing more families here in Dudley and the Black Country with the stability and security of a regular pay packet and more young people with the opportunities they need to get on in life.

Within the figures on business optimism the CBI also announced record levels of confidence for businesses who export with 72 per cent expecting an increase in turnover in the next quarter. This is crucial to the long-term economic plan as we seek to rebalance the economy and continue to provide new jobs in the growing economy.

The Government has set an ambitious target of exporting £1 trillion per year by 2020, compared to the current value of £498 billion. We have already been able to treble exports to countries like China, Brazil and India. However, our net

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*"These positive figures show that, while there is still a long way to go, our long-term economic plan is starting to work"*

exports still have a long way to go, with a number of challenges.

UK businesses have often held back from seeking to export, fearing the often complex and costly foreign markets. To assist this the Government is spending £420m through both the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and UK Trade & Investment (www.gov.uk/ukti) to support UK business overseas, targeting 20 key high-growth markets.

Key to this is opening up our network of embassies across the world to champion and showcase UK work and products. UK business is utilising their local knowledge to help enter these respective markets. This is a

complete cultural change for the Foreign Office which employs over 14,000 people in nearly 270 overseas posts.

In a recent Public Accounts Report into this work, it is clear they are making positive steps but much more needs to be done on training to increase their commercial awareness and sharing best practice on how they can champion UK business.

### Rebalancing

The Government is continuing to support this rebalancing of the economy through a low, competitive tax regime, infrastructure investment and our key educational reforms to drive up the skills of our future

workforce. We have already seen for the first time in 30 years a welcome increase in manufacturing and significant investment, both UK and foreign, into high-tech industries ready to export — all of which Dudley (and the wider Black Country) is playing a key part in delivering.

Here in Dudley I continue to support local businesses seeking to export. I have attended events and meetings with UKTI, banks, business mentors and met with numerous individual businesses. I often meet with foreign representatives to help promote the Dudley borough as an investment destination and to relay suggestions and concerns directly to the Government. Foreign ambassadors and dignitaries frequently speak highly of the UK, of our culture, tax system, support for global trade and the success of the Olympics. This is why the UK is taking an increasing slice of global inward investment behind economic giants such as the US and China.

There is much to do but, in an increasingly global economy, it is absolutely right the UK seeks to take full advantage of the new emerging markets.

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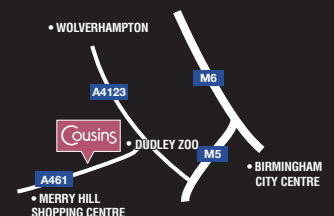
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## NEWS

# Drunk motorist admits wrong-way driving for three miles on M5

## Knitty gritty history



Janine Fletcher knitting poppies for the Zeppelin Dreams drama to be staged in Wolverhampton

A COMMUNITY group has got down to the knitty gritty in helping a theatre production come to life next month. Tipton Library's Knitters and Natters group have knitted special poppies which will be used as props in a poignant community-based show at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre on March 20 and 21. The show, Zeppelin Dreams, explores the tragic events of 100 years ago when a huge Graf Zeppelin airship dropped its bombs on Wolverhampton and surrounding areas of the Black Country. The airship was supposed to be attacking docks in Liverpool but got lost in fog. English Touring Opera has joined forces with the Grand Theatre and Wolverhampton Music Education Hub to present the opera and nine community groups are helping to stage it. It is the first of its kind since 2007 when groups produced successful show A House on the Moon.

A DEPRESSED care worker has admitted driving the wrong way along the M5 while twice the drink-drive limit.

Katy Homer, aged 26, was heavily under the influence of alcohol when she joined the southbound side of the motorway at junction 2 at Oldbury and drove north for three miles to junction 1 for West Bromwich.

A lorry driver flashed his lights at her and sounded his horn as she swerved out of her way - but she carried on up the inside lane of the carriageway.

On leaving the motorway, Homer, of Clent View Road, Colley Gate, near Hale-sowen, circled the Kenrick Way roundabout twice before being stopped by police.

The incident happened on December 4 at around 2.30am.

She was recorded as having 79 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath. The legal alcohol limit is 35 microgrammes.

At Wolverhampton Crown Court last week Homer pleaded guilty to dangerous driving and drink driving.

Mr Malcolm Fowler, defending Homer, said: "It is a grave allegation."

"I did touch upon medical history, there is a serious condition of depression for this lady who is on medication. She is still in employment despite her condition," Judge John Warner ad-



Depressed — Katy Homer

judged the case for a report from her general medical practitioner and the probation service.

He also gave her an interim driving disqualification until a sentencing hearing on March 26.

He said: "I am sure you are aware driving the wrong way on the motorway when over twice the limit is a very serious matter."

Homer was charged during the opening week of West Midlands Police's Christmas campaign to reduce drink-driving.

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## NEWS

# Keeping faith with a career dedicated to sport



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IT'S every young footballer's dream — a professional contract at your local club. But when most fail to make the grade, few will manage to stay in the game and fewer will make money out of it.

Bernard Moseley has made up for the disappointment of failing to play professionally by successfully becoming a goalkeeping coach. The 23-year-old from Dudley is quickly building up a reputation after passing his UEFA B Goalkeeping Licence at an early age.

Alongside him on the course was for-

mer Wolves goalkeeper Matt Murray and Derby County coach Eric Steele.

The former Crestwood School head boy is in his first year as a PE teacher at Holly Hall Academy and is also teaching up-and-coming goalkeepers including Birmingham Ladies and England Under-17s player Sian Thomas.

### Passionate

He said: "I'm working so much that I'm usually leaving for work at 6am and coming back home at midnight but it is fun. While I might not have made it playing, I have still managed

to find a living out of the sport I'm so passionate about."

Mr Moseley missed out on a pro football career following his release from Shrewsbury Town after spells at Wolves, West Bromwich Albion and Birmingham City.

He said: "I wasn't the massive goalkeeper they were looking for. It was disappointing not to make it but I was determined to carry on in the sport."

Mr Moseley passed his UEFA coaching badge in May.

He was offered a job at Walsall Football Club's Academy but decided to go into teaching instead while also holding private training sessions.

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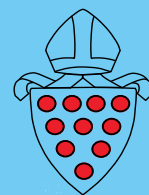
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## NEWS

# Tenant's £1m bank account was fraud

EVERYONE dreams of becoming a millionaire but one house-hunter thought it was as easy as forging a statement

Bethany Pole tried to convince estate agents that she had £1 million in the bank.

But the 22-year-old's ruse was discovered and she pleaded guilty to making a fake bank statement at Wolverhampton Crown Court on Monday. Pole's con led to the owners of the property she rented having their house repossessed.

by Adam Thompson

Pole told estate agents in 2012 that she wished to buy the house in Moss Grove, Kingswinford, and the court heard that she had agreed to rent the property at £900-per-month before the sale had been completed. But when her cheque bounced, she was quizzed by the agents. Pole, from Old High Street, Quarry Bank, provided a print off that suggested she had more than £1 million in her bank account.

Mr Edward Soulsby told the court: "This is a strange case. There was no written arrangement about the defendant renting the property but a chain of emails clearly showed an agreement was in place."

Items from the house had been taken including flooring worth £8,000.

Pole pleaded guilty to fraud and making an article for use in fraud. She will be sentenced on March 18. Mr Soulsby added: "As a result of this, the victims were not able to make payments for their mortgage and the house was repossessed by the bank."

## Players in tale of a big bad mouse



The Community Players rehearse for next play Big Bad Mouse

IN their 51st year, The Community Players in Brierley Hill are preparing to take the farce Big Bad Mouse to the stage next month. It is the story of a downtrodden office worker who becomes a 'hero' after being accused of being a villain. The 1960s play, written by Phillip King and Falkland Carey, follows the curious fortunes of Mr Bloome, a worker in the orders office of Chunkbix Ltd. Big Bad Mouse will be performed at the Oakfield Centre, Brettell Lane, at 7.30pm from Wednesday, March 5, to Saturday, March 8. Tickets cost £7, £5 concessions. Call (01384) 394349.

## Jobs fair hosted by MP

A FURTHER education and apprenticeships fair has been organised by Margot James, MP for Stourbridge, at the Glasshouse Arts Centre on Friday, March 7, from 5pm. It gives students from Year 7 to 13, and their parents, an opportunity to network with a range of national and local organisations. For more information call 01384 370 574.

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## NEWS

# It's a clean sweep as visitors enjoy museum

FAMILIES have been enjoying journeys back in time during the half term holidays at the Black Country Living Museum.

The events are kickstarting a year long programme of activities, themed nights and weekends across the 26-acre site in Dudley.

A week long series of hands-on washday game and craft days started in the school holiday called 'A Good Old Spring Clean'.

Visitors were able to experience first hand laundry and cleaning equipment from the early 1900s when there were no modern conveniences like washing machines and irons.

## Tub

They rolled up their sleeves to get involved with the washday process from using the dolly tub to making lavender bags to mangling the clothes.

Families could also make their own peg dolls and spring peg planes at St James' School using traditional household materials.

Meanwhile, in the village there were street games from hanging washing to racing mops.

Among those enjoying the fun were a family who travelled up to the Black Country from Essex to meet friends from Birmingham.

Steven Mervish and his wife Denise, aged 56 and 49, took their children Eliana, 11, and Louise, eight, around the attraction on a Saturday afternoon.

Mr Mervish said they would definitely be back after enjoying their day out.

"It was brilliant. There was so much going on and the children really enjoyed it," said Mr Mervish, from West-cliff-on-Sea, near Southend.

"The staff were great, dressed in



Guide Wallace Hill swings the skipping rope for Stefan and Kyle Haynes-Jones



Home on the range as guide Jean Ambrose fires the imagination of Eliana Mervish

their costumes and were friendly" he added.

"We enjoyed the coal mine. The village was good and we had fish and chips in Hobbs' and Sons Fish and Chip shop too."

Head of learning at the museum, Mel Weatherley, added: "A good old spring clean this half-term provides children with a history lesson like no other."

"A variety of activities are on site to not only keep children entertained but to showcase fascinating knowledge about our local heritage."

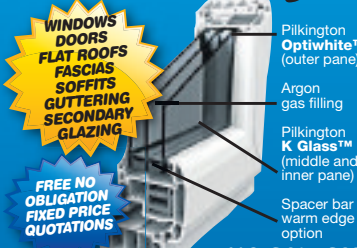
Visit the museum's website at [www.bclm.co.uk](http://www.bclm.co.uk) for details on future events, which includes special garden activities during Easter, a Tug Boat Gathering from May 3 to 5, and the annual Night at the Museum event on May 17.

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Nandor Pekar with his wife Gwen in a restaurant in Budapest in 1986



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Keen motorcyclist Nandor on a bike in 1957



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# Father's story to be made into a £4m film

**NANDOR** Pekar was forced to flee his native Hungary in 1956 after taking part in the uprising against Russian occupying forces.

He arrived in Staffordshire where he found sanctuary, a job and love. But 30 years on, after leaving suicide notes to his family, he took his own life aged 48.

His remarkable and ultimately tragic story was written down and finished by his son Richard, a product development leader at Rugeley's Armitage Shanks with the Polish Club in Stafford Road, Wolverhampton, a great source of information.

Now the tale has been picked up by Stafford-movie company Grand Independent who want to turn it into a £4million film.

by Marion Brennan

Mr Pekar, 45, said: "It's a fantastic feeling, no words can describe it. My dad would be completely over the moon because he started writing the story when I was 10. Now I have finished it for him."

When the Revolution started on October 23, Nandor Pekar was primed for action. Nandor was based just outside Budapest with a group of student rebels whose job was to ambush Russian tanks heading for the capital. They petrol-bombed the vehicles and, where possible, stole their weapons.

In less than a week the Russians had been beaten back and a new moderate Prime Minister had taken office, restoring democracy and freedom of speech. But within days he announced that Hungary was going to leave the Warsaw Pact, a move that saw 1,000 Russian tanks roll into Budapest on

November 4. They proceeded to destroy the Hungarian army.

An estimated 30,000 people were killed and around 200,000 fled to the west. Nandor, devastated by their failure to secure victory, was among the last to leave.

The title of his son's book, *Last Train To Budapest*, was inspired by a conversation they had on a trip back to Hungary years later, when Richard was around 10.

Research was on trips to Hungary over years and a source of information was the Polish Club in Wolverhampton as the Hungarian Community Association of Staffordshire is also based there.

The book, published in 2006, has already been filmed when students at Staffordshire University's Stafford campus made a short movie. The 35-minute film, premiered at the university in 2010. The new film will be premiered in London and New York.



Nandor Pekar in England in 1957

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## NEWS

Talented Jenni finds  
TV show sew intense**SHE** caught the sewing bug less than two years ago after making her own wedding dress.

And now Walsall's Jenni Taylor can be seen on TV battling it out on the new series of The Great British Sewing Bee.

She has her husband Kirk to thank for that, after he sent in an application to the show's producers without telling her.

"We were hooked on the first series. Then I had a random call out of the blue one day to say I'd got through to the audition stages. Next thing I know I'm filming for the show in London."

Jenni said working under the watchful eyes of judges May Martin and Patrick Grant was a 'privilege'.

She added: "Being on the show was very intense. It really was the best. I was surrounded by so many talented people. They had years more experience than me."

## Creative

"It was very intimidating being critiqued so intensely. It was a complete privilege to be around Mary and Patrick but at times I was so petrified."

Jenni, who works as a resource co-ordinator at Echo in Walsall, admitted to always been creative, even as a youngster, making handmade teddy bears and pencil cases at school.

Before her wedding in August 2012, she made the decision to make her own gown.

She continued: "I wanted to make my wedding dress myself. I couldn't find a dress I liked anywhere. You don't need lots of money to get the perfect dress. I made it out of organza and paper lace."

As well as sewing, Jenni, who is originally from West Bromwich, also sings in a band called Snooty Bobs with Kirk, 33, and six others. She



Jenni at work on her sewing machine



Jenni with a dressmaker's dummy



Jenni singing with the Snooty Bobs



With Kirk in her crafted wedding dress

watched the opening episode of the Great British Sewing Bee with 20 or so of her friends and family at Hockley Street Studios in Birmingham on a big projection screen.

She added: "I have kept in contact with a lot of the guys from the show. Claudia was awesome."

"She was mental but we needed that

when the pressure was on." So has she got the competition all sewn up? "I can't say how well I did, you'll have to watch," she added.

The first series of the Great British Sewing Bee last year was won by 81-year-old Ann Rowley.

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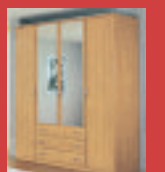


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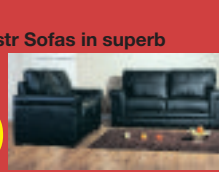


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## NEWS

## Faggots find gourmet favour

AFTER years of derision by the gourmet fraternity, it seems that the great Black Country faggot has finally made it into polite society after becoming a favourite with upmarket supermarket chain Waitrose.

The food store, often seen as a by-word for middle class respectability, has been so impressed with the sale of its pork faggots that it has decided to expand its range by introducing a beef version. But the announcement has been met by a sceptical response from top Black Country chef Richard James, who is co-author of the Good Faggot Guide.

"They might be very nice, but they are not faggots if they are made from beef," he said.

"I would be very interested to give them a try, and see what they are like, but if they are made from beef they are not a tradi-

## Gambler to pay price for lies over car-jacking attack

**A GAMBLER who lost £250 at a casino hours after pocketing the cash from a car sale told police he had been violently robbed by the buyers in a bid to claw back his losses.**

Dawid Dytlow, 22, sold his Honda Accord to two men who responded to an online advert, but after losing the proceeds on fruit machines he dialled 999 to claim he had been car-jacked on a test drive.

The car was circulated as wanted on national police computers and, when it triggered Auto-

matic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras near Nuneaton, the innocent buyers were arrested on suspicion of robbery.

Dytlow, from Green Park Road, Dudley, said he had been attacked by the 'car-jackers' and left with facial cuts and bruises. But it later emerged the injuries had actually been inflicted during an argument sparked by news of his wasteful casino trip. The suspects were freed without charge and CCTV from Dudley Casino, where Dytlow was a member showed him gambling at the time he claimed the robbers had struck.

Dytlow admitted making up the story in a bid to make an insurance claim. He was jailed for

six months at Wolverhampton Crown Court on Friday after admitting attempting to pervert the course of justice.

Detective Constable Darren Reeves, from Dudley CID, said: "Dytlow may have thought this was a 'white lie' that would result in a ticking off should the plan be uncovered but this was a serious case of trying to pervert the course of justice that wasted countless police hours and resulted in the arrest of innocent men."

"Dytlow signed a statement swearing his version of events was an honest, accurate version but it couldn't have been further from the truth. "He's now paying a high price for those lies."

## Fire chiefs put pressure on tax

CASH-STRAPPED fire bosses in the West Midlands are increasing the service's portion of council tax amid stark warnings on future budgets.

West Midlands Fire Service charges a precept as part of council tax to raise cash to pay for fire and rescue services. Members of West Midlands Fire Authority agreed to levy an increase amounting to 1.99 per cent, which is the maximum increase allowed without calling a referendum.

Finance chiefs have laid bare tough budget forecasts, warning the authority faces being £12 million in deficit by 2017/18.

But opposition councillors demanded members rethink plans to hit hard-pressed residents with hikes on their bills.

A majority of 15 to six voted in favour of the increase at the fire authority meeting last week.

## Illicit romance in a Brief Encounter



Rebecca Clee and Tony Stamp in Brief Encounter

THE classic British romance Brief Encounter is being staged by Dudley Little Theatre next month.

Adapted for the stage by Emma Rice from Noel Coward's screenplay for the 1945 film starring Celia Johnson and Trevor Howard, it will be performed at Netherton Arts Centre from March 12 to 15 at 7.30pm.

## Affair

It tells of the love affair between a married woman and a doctor in 1930s suburbia with Rebecca Clee and Tony Stamp as the two leads.

"The haunting love story features housewife Laura Jesson and Dr Alec Harvey and includes the characters that provide the backdrop to their story," said the theatre group's Christine Ridgeway. "It explores the thrill, pain and tenderness of an illicit affair as the principals struggle against the conventions of suburban life in the late 1930s."

Tickets cost £7 (£6 concessions) and are available from Dudley Council Plus on (01384) 812812, from Chris on (01384) 872583, mobile 07582 318017 or via the website [www.dudleylittletheatre.org](http://www.dudleylittletheatre.org).

## Hundreds attend model rail club day

FAMILIES from across the Black Country visited Warley Model Railway Club's open day at their headquarters in Pearsall Drive, Oldbury, along with model lovers from as far away as Leicester and Peterborough.

Around 260 people turned out for the first of this year's twice-annual open days, which give the opportunity to see what happens at one of the most famous model railway clubs in the country.

Twelve layouts were on display, with a range of gauge sizes. Club members were also on hand to give model-making demonstrations. The event also featured a new layout based on the popular children's television character Peppa Pig, which was a favourite with the youngest visitors.

The next open day will take place in May, and their huge annual event at the NEC, attended by hundreds of model fans from around the country, will this year be on November 22 and 23. For details visit [www.warley-mrc.org.uk](http://www.warley-mrc.org.uk).

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## REVIEWS

# The Twang are back with a bang

A round-up of several of the new rock and pop album releases, reviewed by LEON BURAKOWSKI

**BIRMINGHAM** band The Twang return to their best form on *Neon Twang* (out on Jump The Cut, March 10), their fourth album and with a title that references their original band name.

This album marks the debut of Jon Simkins as a fully-fledged member and also shows a subtle shift in style towards psychedelic and dub-tinged pop. In fact, it makes them fit comfortably aside such other blissed-out Brummies as Swim Deep, Troumace and Peace.

## Country

The vocals are mixed low but the guitar and keyboard combinations reminded me of such 70s Mersey outfits as The Teardrop Explodes and Bunrymen, and The Twang's baggy tendencies mean they still hark back to The Stone Roses and The Beta Band. Check out new single *The Wobble* or album opener *City Lights*.

Sheryl Crow's ninth album, *Feels Like Home* (Warner Bros), is her first pure country music record, though you could always hear a hint of country in her songs including breakthrough hit *All I Wanna Do*.

She's back in the bar room and the bedroom here for toe-tapping honky tonk numbers but is at her best on teary suburban ballads, such as *Stay At Home Mother*. In *Waterproof Mascara* she sings: 'Thank God they make waterproof mascara, cuz it won't run like his daddy did'... Tammy Wynette would be proud.

The Augustines are probably going



Crying in her beer — Sheryl Crow returns with a country album

to become a lot of people's new favourite band in 2014. The Anglo-American power trio's second, self-titled album (on Oxcart) practically defines epic rock with its blend of Elbow-like melancholy melodic sway with U2ish galloping guitars. Highlights include *Don't You Look Back* (think a gruffer, tougher Keane) and *Walkabout*, both built for stadiums. You can catch them at the more intimate Institute in Birmingham on May 16.

*You Me At Six* are destined to woo Lawson and McFly fans into meaty, big and bouncy rock numbers with their air-punching anthems on *Cavalier Youth* (BMG) which gets off to a great start with *Too Young To Feel This Old*. Metronomy is a vehicle for Joe

Mount who takes a defiantly analogue approach to making pop music. Imagine a less polished, quirkier Bastille, and you are in the ballpark. He fronts a four-piece band here and the *Love Letters* album is certainly worth checking out if you like Hunky Dory-era Bowie, Beck or Mercury Rev. Metronomy are in concert at the Institute in Birmingham on March 21.

*Animal Heart* (Lojinx) is the official first solo album from the former Cardigans lead singer Nina Persson. It is beguiling, ranging from haunting ballads to sparkling pop such as the title track (imagine A-ha combined with The Go-Gos) and *Food For The Beast*, which is akin to Cardigans classic *Lovefool*.

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REVIEWS

# Charming with a touch of common

Some Girl I Used To Know, Grand STAR of stage and screen, cheeky Essex chick Denise Van Outen, has unique appeal – guys fancy her and girls relate to her, so it is no surprise that her one woman show, Some Girl I Used to Know, has received rave reviews and standing ovations on its 2014 tour so far.

And last week it was our turn to enjoy her very special brand of charm with just a touch of common, as she opened at the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre for a three-night run which ended on Saturday.

Don't get me wrong, Tell Me on a Sunday it ain't, but this snapshot into the life of a successful business woman, Stephanie, who takes a nostalgic and amusing, but also often painful trip down memory lane, is just as entertaining in its own way.

It follows high-flying wife and career girl Stephanie Canworth on a musical journey down memory lane.

Stephanie has it all — a successful career, supportive husband and she's a media darling. But a Facebook poke from a former love and the memories come flooding back.

It's a mixture of girly gags, slightly smutty, but very real comedy and life experiences, with hits of the 80s and 90s woven into the story for good measure.

It was a must see for Denise devotees and those who simply want to sit back, relax and be entertained.

ALISON NORTON

# Rioja and rhumba

Gipsy Kings, Civic Hall

THE relentless propulsion of six acoustic guitars and the passionate full-throated vocals of Nicolas Reyes brought the warmth of the Mediterranean to a cold night in Wolverhampton when The Gipsy Kings performed at the Civic Hall.

The combination of their irresistible 'rumba flamenca' style and possibly a few glasses of Rioja meant a troupe of middle-aged ladies were up and dancing in the aisles by the third number as the portly band of French-Spanish gipsy musicians hit their stride.

Dialogue with the audience was restricted to a gracias, merci and the occasional thank you, until Nicolas Reyes – perhaps touched by the warm applause for his acrobatic, muezzin-like vocals – told us he loved us.

The Grammy-award winners saved the best known numbers for last but Bamboleo instead of being greeted by dancing was met by an audience more intent on recording the finale on their camera phones. But no one could resist joining in with the encore, Volare.

LEON BURAKOWSKI



Mischiefous — Jamie Bond as The Joker in Card Game

# Joker is wild as the ballet returns

Birmingham Royal Ballet, Hippodrome

DAVID Bintley's company kicked off their first home season of 2014 with a triple bill. Card Game, choreography by John Cranko to music by Stravinsky, was a ballet in three deals with Jamie Bond as the mischievous Joker in the pack.

Hollywood actress Betty Grable had the million dollar legs but that should apply to Celine Gittens. The Trinidad-born ballerina high-kicked to heaven with her perfect pins in the jazzy Slaughter on Tenth Avenue, by George Balanchine to music by Richard Rodgers. She was perfectly matched with Tyrone Singleton's muscular Hooper in this blend of ballet and tap.

Finally came the amusing and colourful Elite Syncopations, choreographed by Kenneth MacMillan to ragtime music. The comic Alaskan Rag, featuring Yvette Knight and James Barton, was a real audience-pleaser.

This week BRB present The Prince of the Pagodas.

LEON BURAKOWSKI

# Masters of their crafts

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HAVE you heard the one about the Scotsman, the Englishman and the Irishman . . . they got together and created some glorious Celtic/folk music.

Never ones to short change, John McCusker mostly on fiddle, Michael McGoldrick on flute, whistle and uilleann pipes and John Doyle on a range of guitars and vocals opened with an instrumental which was almost 10 minutes long.

Individually the three musicians, who are regulars with the Transatlantic Sessions, are masters of their craft but together they produce a blend of sound which is magical, evocative and encompasses everything which is good with folk music.

With a mixture of reels, jigs and sea shanties they showed their versatility and skills with tracks such as Leaving Uist, Rory Campbell's Song, Billy's Reel and the poignant SS Arabic about one of Doyle's ancestors who was inadvertently caught up in a U-Boat attack during World War One.

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# What's On!

## St George's Day charity concert

TICKETS are on sale for a concert marking St George's Day at Birmingham's Symphony Hall on April 19.

The event is organised by the Birmingham St George's Day Association. Comedians Don Maclean and Malcom Stent are on the bill with a mystery guest. Also performing will be Birmingham Community Gospel Choir, Sovereign Brass, the group Quill, a local choir and school children. Money raised will go to Troop Aid.

The concert takes place between 6pm and 9pm. Tickets are priced between £5 and £18.

Tickets can be bought at Birmingham Town Hall or Symphony Hall box office, by calling 0121 345 0603 or by visiting the [www.thsh.co.uk](http://www.thsh.co.uk) website.

## Neds top bill at indie all-dayer

EXPECT the return of the mosh pit, spilt pints and crowd surfing when Black Country rock legends Ned's Atomic Dustbin top the bill at the Gigantic Classic Indie All-Dayer at Manchester Academy on Bank Holiday Monday, May 24.

Also on the bill will be one of the late John Peel's favourite bands The Wedding Present, Manchester's own The Chameleons, Yorkshire's Cud, and Irish outfits The Sultans of Ping and The Frank And Walters.

Tickets for the 10-hour party cost £25. See [www.manchesteracademy.net](http://www.manchesteracademy.net) for further information.

# A conflict between church and science that still resonates

## Fame, it's gonna live forever

LEGWARMERS, star jumps and poignant moments at the piano — it can only mean Fame.

Back in 1980 British director Alan Parker's movie about the tribulations and triumphs of young hopeful students at New York High School of Performing Arts was a surprise hit, spawning a hit TV series and a 2009 movie remake.

### Musical

It also led to Fame The Musical, an international theatre hit which had a West End run and toured the UK, featuring the famous title song and such numbers as Hard Work, Let's Play A Love Scene and Think Of Meryl Streep. The latest UK touring revival brings matters up to date by setting the story in 1940 when it arrives at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre on Monday for a six-day run — so expect lots of dynamic dancing but fewer dodgy perms.



A scene from the new version of Fame The Musical, being staged in Wolverhampton

THE rational versus the superstitious, science versus the church, a conflict down the ages that still resonates today is the subject of Birmingham Rep artistic director's new staging of A Life Of Galileo.

This is a rapid revival of her own acclaimed production, translated by Mark Ravenhill from the work by Marxist German playwright Bertolt Brecht. It won praise when staged by the Royal Shakespeare Company at Stratford and will again feature Ian McDiarmid in the title role.

It looks at the pioneering Italian scientist's clash with the Roman Catholic Church in the early 17th Century over his assertion that the Earth orbits the Sun.

The play, staged at The Rep from tomorrow night to March 8, is presented as part of a Brecht season at the Centenary Square venue.

The anarchic world of children's TV in the past (think Tiswas and Going Live) is the inspiration for Told By An Idiot's Never Try This At Home at The Rep's Studio from tonight to March 15.

At the theatre's third space, The Door, London Soho Theatre's darkly comic romance Blink, by Phil Porter, is being staged from Monday to Wednesday.

Before Fame The Musical leaps onto the stage, Wol-

## Concert will be a tale of two cellos

"THEY say the cello is the closest instrument to the human voice. With 'A Tale of Two Cellos' we wanted to sing together in a universal language so that we could share this beautiful music, which spans nearly five hundred years, with everyone." So say husband and wife cello duo Julian and Jaxin Lloyd Webber of their latest album for classical label Naxos.

The famous cellists will be performing together at Cannock's Prince of Wales Theatre on Thursday, March 13, as part of a UK tour. There will be premiere duets for two cellos with piano as well as music by Vivaldi, Bach, Rachmaninov and Saint-Saëns.

The concert is at 7.30pm and tickets cost £18. Call 01543 578762 or visit [www.wlct.org/cannock/theatre/](http://www.wlct.org/cannock/theatre/)

## Award-winning folk duo at cafe

WINNERS of the best duo at this year's Radio2 Folk Awards, Phillip Henry and Hannah Martin, are heading to Birmingham.

They will be coming fresh from their award-winning appearance at the Royal Albert Hall to play at the Kitchen Garden Cafe in Kings Heath on March 30 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8 in advance or £10 on the door. The West Country pair have made a fantastic leap considering that not so long ago they were found by Steve Knightley of Show of Hands, busking on Sidmouth seaford as part of the town's folk festival. Visit [www.kitchengardencafe.co.uk](http://www.kitchengardencafe.co.uk).

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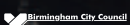


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## CHOICE



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## The Voice UK

BBC1, 7pm

The blind auditions are complete and the coaches have chosen 12 acts each. Now begins the process of whittling them down by half for the live shows – and that means the return of the battle rounds. Emma Willis and Marvin Humes host as the coaches are joined by four advisers – Scissor Sisters frontman Jake Shears, singer Katy B, award-winning rapper Tinie Tempah and Black Eyed Peas founder Dante Santiago – who give the acts the benefit of their experience, before pitting them against each other in head-to-head musical performances.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** James Martin: Home Comforts. **12.00** Football Focus. **12.45** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **1.15** Cycling. **2.45** Bargain Hunt. (R) **3.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Final Score. **5.10** Reflex. **5.55** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **6.15** **Pointless Celebrities.** Janice Long, Graham Cole and Eddie 'The Eagle' Edwards take part in the unorthodox general knowledge quiz. Last in the series. (R) **7.00** **The Voice UK.** The battle rounds begin as the coaches enlist four advisers – Jake Shears, Katy B, Tinie Tempah and Dante Santiago – and pit their acts against each other in the sing-offs. **9.10** **The National Lottery Live.** Gabby Roslin reveals the results of the Lotto and the Thunderball. **9.20** **Casualty.** Robyn injures herself after confronting an intruder in her home, and Lily shows her softer side while treating a heavily pregnant woman in severe pain. **10.10** **BBC News.** Weather. **10.30** **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, which included Fulham v Chelsea at Craven Cottage, National Lottery Update. **11.45** **The Football League Show.** Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from today's fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two. **1.05** Weatherview. **1.10** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** This is BBC Two. **6.15** **Film:** Jules Verne's Rocket to the Moon. (1967) **8.10** Life on Earth. (R) **9.05** Life on Earth. (R) **10.00** **Andrew Marr's The Making of Modern Britain.** (R) **11.00** Fred Dibnah's Made in Britain. (R) **11.30** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **12.00** James Martin: Home Comforts. **12.30** Talking Pictures. **1.10** **Film:** The Lady Vanishes. (1938) **2.45** Final Score. **4.00** Coast. (R) **4.15** Natural World: The Real Jungle Book Series. (R) **5.15** Restoration Home One Year On. (R) **6.15** **Flog It!** Paul Martin is joined by antique experts Mark Stacey and David Fletcher as they look for valuable items in Dorchester, Dorset. **7.15** **Dad's Army.** Jones finds himself cast adrift. (R) **7.45** **The Perfect Morescombe & Wise.** A selection of sketches featuring the duo. **8.15** **Darcey's Ballerina Heroines.** Darcey Russell journeys from 18th-century France to 1950s America to explore the changing role of the ballerina and the challenges her predecessors faced. **9.15** **QI XL.** Stephen Fry hosts an extended edition of the peculiar panel quiz, with Sandi Toksvig, Bill Bailey, Susan Calman and Alan Davies answering questions on places that start with J. **10.00** **Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle.** New series. Stewart Lee explores different themes in stand-up routines. **10.30** **Film: The Producers.** (2005) Musical comedy, starring Matthew Broderick and Nathan Lane. **12.35** **Film:** Lady Caroline Lamb. (1972) **2.35** This is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Dino Dan. **6.10** Dino Dan. (R) **6.25** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.45** Animals. (R) **6.55** Animals. (R) **7.00** **Animals.** (R) **7.10** On Nom Stories. (R) **7.15** On Nom Stories. (R) **7.20** Sooty. (R) **7.30** Scrambled! **9.25** Dinner Date. (R) **10.20** Murder. She Wrote. (R) **11.15** ITV News; Weather. **11.25** The Crocodile Hunter Diaries. (R) **11.50** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **12.45** The Unforgettable Frankie Howard. (R) **1.15** Midsomer Murders. (R) **3.15** **Film:** Tea with Mussolini. (1999) **5.35** Regional Programme: Weather. **5.45** ITV News; Weather. **6.00** **You've Been Framed! Best of the Best.** Classic clips and Harry Hill's most surreal comments inspired by viewers' home videos, featuring everything from cute kids and crazy animals to pranks and painful accidents. **7.00** **Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway.** The Geordie duo target chef Gordon Ramsay with their latest stunt, Little Ant and Dec meet Mr Selfridge star Jeremy Piven and comedienne Sarah Millican is the guest announcer. **8.20** **The Cube.** New series. Gym instructor Chris and student Sophie hope to beat the Cube and take home the £250,000 jackpot. **9.20** **The Jonathan Ross Show.** The host chats to supermodel Claudia Schiffer, comedian Dara O Briain, Sex and the City actress Kristin Davis and rapper-turned-actor Ice Cube. **10.20** **ITV News.** Weather. **10.35** **Film: Fast & Furious.** (2009) **12.35** **Film:** Jackpot247. **3.00** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

## CHANNEL 4

**6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Grid. **7.00** Trans World Sport. **7.55** Paralympic Winter Games – The Countdown. (R) **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** How I Met Your Mother. **12.00** How I Met Your Mother. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.10** **Come Dine with Me.** Accountant Toni Shukla hosts the final dinner party in Birmingham. (R) **6.45** **Channel 4 News.** Transforming a church in the Devon fishing port of Brixham. (R) **7.00** **The Restoration Man.** Transforming a church in the Devon fishing port of Brixham. (R) **8.00** **The Storms That Stole Christmas.** The stories of those who bore the brunt of the bad weather over Christmas 2013 and the surrounding period, featuring amateur footage, eyewitness testimony and expert commentary. (R) **9.00** **Hostages.** Ellen must decide whether to save Duncan's life and sets out to track down his wife Nina, while Boyd sneaks into the Sanders' home in a misguided attempt to help Morgan. **10.00** **Film: The Lincoln Lawyer.** (2011) Premiere. Legal thriller, starring Matt McConaughey. **12.15** **Film: A History of Violence.** (2005) **2.00** Boss. **3.05** Mesh. **3.10** One Born Every Minute. (R) **4.05** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **9.55** **Film:** Jetsons: The Movie. (1990) Children's animation, voiced by Mel Blanc. **11.25** **Film:** Stuart Little 3: Call of the Wild. (2005) Children's animated adventure sequel, with the voice of Michael J Fox. **12.55** **Film:** Getting Even with Dad. (1994) Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin and Ted Danson. **3.00** **Film:** Columbo: Playback. (1975) Crime drama, with Peter Falk. **4.35** **Film:** Columbo: Candidate for Crime. (1973) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. **6.30** **The NCIS Movie: Playback.** Feature-length episode. The agents try to locate a serial killer, but their investigation leads to a surprising revelation. Meanwhile, McGee accompanies Abby to Mexico. (R) **9.05** **5 News Weekend.** **9.10** **Live International Boxing.** James DeGale v Georgy Khatchikyan. Mark Pougach presents coverage of the super middleweight bout at the City Academy in Bristol. **11.10** **Film: Pistol Whipped.** (2008) A former cop becomes a hitman to clear his debts, but begins to suspect his employer is hiding something from him. Action thriller, starring Steven Seagal and Lance Henriksen. Edited for language. **1.05** **Super Casino.** Live interactive gaming. **3.05** Benidorm ER. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Hana's Helpline. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three** **7.00** Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D **7.25** Doctor Who **8.10** Top Gear **9.10** **Film:** I Am Number Four (2011) **10.50** Family Guy **BBC Four** **7.00** Great Barrier Reef **8.00** Lost Kingdoms of South America **9.00** Salamander **10.35** What's Going On? The Life and Death of Marvin Gaye **11.35** Roll Over Beethoven – The Chess Records Saga **ITV2** **2.50** **Film:** Kangaroo Jack (2003) **4.40** **Film:** Step Up (2006) **6.55** **Film:** Ocean's Thirteen (2007) **9.20** **Film:** Forgetting Sarah Marshall (2008) **11.30** **Film:** The Sweetest Thing (2002) **ITV3** **3.55** Inspector Morse **5.55** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Endeavour. Inspector Morse prequel, starring Shaun Evans. **11.00** A Touch of Frost **ITV4** **2.40** **Film:** The Manchurian Candidate (1962) **5.15** **Film:** Nevada Smith (1966) **7.55** Hornblower. The seafaring hero's resourcefulness turns the tide of a battle. **10.00** **Film:** Schindler's List (1993) **E4** **4.00** Rude(ish) Tube **5.00** The Big Bang Theory: Access All Areas **5.30** The Big Bang Theory: 5.15 **Film:** The Big Bang Theory: It All Started with a Big Bang **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** The Tomorrow People **9.00** **Film:** Trading Places (1983) **11.20** Rude Tube: Viral Ads **Film4** **3.15** Imagine That (2009) **5.20** The Phantom (1996) **7.15** Bedazzled (2000) Fantasy comedy remake, starring Brendan Fraser. **9.00** The Taking of Pelham 123 (2009) **11.05** 28 Days Later (2002)

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## What's On!

## SUNDAY'S TV 2.03.14

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## CHOICE



Kelly Hoppen

## Dragons' Den

BBC2, 9pm

It's always fun to play along while watching telly, especially if you're playing "guess Peter Jones' next pun" on Dragons' Den. Here, he and fellow Dragons Duncan Bannatyne, Deborah Meaden, Kelly Hoppen and Piers Linney meet two women with an alpaca-based knitwear company, but will Peter accuse them of 'spinning a yarn', or ask them to get down to the 'knitty gritty' of their proposal? Among the other would-be entrepreneurs is the director of a London-based design company with a new take on the sticky note.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **7.40** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.15** The Indian Doctor. (R) **3.00** Flog It! **3.25** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.10** Deadly on a Mission: Pole to Pole. **4.40** Songs of Praise. **5.15** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **6.05** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **6.30** Blandings. Clarence must prevent his brother from publishing his scandalous memoirs. **7.00** Countryfile. Matt Baker explores Elmley Marshes on the Isle of Sheppey off the coast of Kent. Ellie Harrison visits Knoe House further inland and Helen Skelton is in the Wiltshire countryside. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. **8.00** Call the Midwife. A new mum and her baby go missing. Jenny begins to see cracks in the establishment while on secondment, and Chummy discovers her mother has walked out on her father. **9.00** The Musketeers. The swordsmen help a young mother rescue her kidnapped baby son, while the king is reluctantly reunited with his scheming mother Marie de Medici. **10.00** BBC News: Weather. **10.25** Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Swansea City v Crystal Palace. **11.30** The League Cup Show. Manchester City v Sunderland. **12.10** Weatherview. **12.15** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** This is BBC Two. **6.10** Film: School for Scoundrels. (1960) **7.40** Monty Don's Italian Gardens. (R) **8.40** Countryfile. (R) **9.40** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.10** James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) **11.55** Michel Roux's Service. (R) **12.55** Michel Roux's Service. (R) **1.55** Film: Vertigo. (1958) **4.00** Cycling. **5.35** Giant Squid: Filming the Impossible - Natural World Special. (R) **6.20** Film: Invincible. (2006) Fact-based sporting drama about an American football fan given the chance to play for the team he has supported all his life. With Mark Wahlberg, Greg Kinnear and Elizabeth Banks. **8.00** Top Gear. Richard Hammond drives the Porsche 918 Spyder and Jeremy Clarkson creates a public information film with James May to promote safer cycling. With Breaking Bad star Aaron Paul. **9.00** Dragons' Den. A London-based entrepreneur pitches a new take on the sticky note, and two women bring a pair of alpacas as they try to gain funds for their knitwear business. Last in the series. **10.00** Mock the Week Looks Back at Science and Technology. Another themed selection from the show's archives. (R) **10.30** Line of Duty. Denton reveals a high-ranking officer has a motive for framing her. (R) **11.30** Film: The Mission. (1986) Historical drama, with Robert De Niro and Jeremy Irons. **1.30** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.25** Holby City. (R) **3.25** Silk. (R) **4.25** This is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Dino Dan. **6.10** Dino Dan. (R) **6.25** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.45** Canimals. (R) **6.55** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Om Nom Stories. (R) **7.15** Om Nom Stories. (R) **7.20** Sooty. (R) **7.30** Scrambled. **8.25** Murder She Wrote. (R) **10.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **11.25** ITV News: Weather. **11.30** River Monsters. (R) **12.30** Film: Columbo: Death Hits the Jackpot. (1991) **2.30** The Crocodile Hunter Diaries. (R) **3.30** Film: Diamonds Are Forever. (1971) **5.50** Regional Programme: Weather. **6.00** ITV News: Weather. **6.15** Dancing on Ice. Phillip Schofield and Christine Bleakley host the semi-final, and the competition is sure to be intense with only three places in the final up for grabs. The results are at 8.30pm. **7.45** All Star Family Fortunes. Coronation Street special of the game show. Last in the series. **8.30** Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. The two lowest-scoring couples compete. Last in the series. **9.00** Mr Selfridge. Following Henri's arrest and Harry's disappearance, the police visit the Selfridges' home in search of clues. Agnes receives an ominous telegram and Lady Mae faces a tough decision. **10.00** ITV News at Ten: Weather. **10.15** It'll Be Alright on the Night's Best of the Worst. Compilation of clangers from the programme's history. (R) **11.15** Premiership Rugby Union. **12.15** The Store. **2.15** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

## CHANNEL 4

**6.20** The Hoobs. (R) **6.45** The Hoobs. (R) **7.10** Freeports on 4. **7.35** Aradross. **8.00** Film: Superbike World Championship. **8.35** Sochi Special: Paralympic Winter Games. **9.05** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.30** How I Met Your Mother. **2.00** How I Met Your Mother. **2.25** The Simpsons. (R) **2.55** The Simpsons. (R) **3.20** Deal or No Deal. **4.25** Film: Grease. (1978) **6.30** Channel 4 News. **7.00** Fish Fight: Hugh's Last Stand. Follow-up documentary in which Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall tells the story of how hundreds of thousands of people came together to bring about radical reforms to fishing policies. **8.00** Britain's Bronze Age Mummies: A Time Team Special. Tony Robinson follows an archaeological dig on a burial ground in Northumberland and investigates other finds that are changing people's understanding of the Bronze Age. **9.00** Film: Salt. (2010) A CIA agent goes on the run after she is accused of being a sleeper assassin sent to murder the Russian president. Action thriller, starring Angelina Jolie and Liev Schreiber. **11.00** Film: Predator. (1987) A military team on a mission in a Central American jungle encounters a merciless alien hunter in search of human prey. Sci-fi thriller, with Arnold Schwarzenegger. **1.00** Film: The Fountain. (2006) **2.35** One Born Every Minute. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowercots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** City of Friends. (R) **7.45** Today's Travelling Circus. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.35** Miao Miao. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jam. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Super Samurai. (R) **10.35** Power Rangers Megaforce. (R) **11.05** Access. **11.10** Road Terror: Caught on Camera. (R) **11.50** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **12.50** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **1.50** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.50** Film: Beetlejuice. (1988) **4.40** Film: Zathura: A Space Adventure. (2005) **6.35** Film: The Fifth Element. (1997) Sci-fi adventure, starring Bruce Willis. **8.55** 5 News Weekend. **9.00** Film: Erin Brockovich. (2000) A single mother goes to work at a law firm and ends up taking on a company suspected of contaminating a small town's water. Fact-based drama, with Julia Roberts and Albert Finney, starring Angelina Jolie and Liev Schreiber. **11.45** Film: The Fog. (2005) Horror remake, starring Tom Welling. **1.35** SuperCasino. **3.05** Trauma Doctors. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.45** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Hana's Helpline. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** The Voice UK **9.15** Hair **10.15** Family Guy **11.00** Bluestone 42 **11.30** American Dad!

**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Timeshift: The Golden Age of Coach Travel **8.00** The Fairytale Castles of King Ludwig II with Dan Cruickshank **9.00** Timeshift: Captain Cook - The Man Behind the Legend **10.00** Film: Barbara (2012) **11.40** Timeshift: The Golden Age of Coach Travel

**ITV2**  
**2.15** Film: Step Up (2006) **4.25** Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **5.45** Film: The Incredible Hulk (2008) **7.55** Film: Coyote Ugly (2000) **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.50** Party Worthy Around the World **11.50** The Big Reunion 2014

**ITV3**  
**2.50** Rosemary & Thyme **4.55** Lewis **6.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** The One and Only Cilla Black **10.50** Inspector Morse

**ITV4**  
**3.05** Tim Vine's Punslinger **4.25** Film: The Sting (1973) **7.00** Storage Wars **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: Memphis Belle (1990) **11.10** Hell on Wheels **E4**  
**3.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **4.00** The Tomorrow People **5.00** Troy **6.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: 10 Things I Hate About You (1999) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory **10.30** My Mad Fat Diary **11.30** How I Met Your Mother **Film4**  
**2.55** Stardust (2007) **5.20** Fantastic Mr Fox (2009) **7.05** The Death and Life of Charlie St Cloud (2010) **9.00** Sanctum (2011) **11.10** Pride and Glory (2008)

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## What's On!

### Film Choices

Monday

**Lethal Obsession, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

A woman with a troubled marriage attends a family funeral, and is reunited with her dangerously overprotective brother. He initially seems to have moved on from his past obsessive behaviour, but when people around her start disappearing, she realises he is killing anyone he disapproves of – and her husband may be next. Thriller, starring Kellie Martin and Adam MacDonald. (2007)

**Mercenary for Justice, Channel 5, 11pm**

A soldier for hire vows to look after the wife and son of a dead comrade-in-arms, but the family is kidnapped by a rogue CIA faction. The mercenary is forced to carry out a dangerous mission to break into a notorious South African prison and free the son of an arms dealer. Action thriller, starring Steven Seagal, Jacqueline Lord, Roger Guenveur Smith and Luke Goss. (2006)

Tuesday

**Deadly Isolation, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

A widow is unaware her academic husband led a double life as a jewel thief, and was once involved in the theft of \$20million in diamonds. However, when his two partners in crime are released from prison, they come looking for her, believing she has the gems. Thriller, starring Sherilyn Fenn and Nicholas Lea. (2005)



**World Trade Center, Wednesday, Channel 4, 12.05am**

Wednesday

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Fact-based drama inspired by the events of September 11. The film focuses on two police officers who were trapped in the wreckage of one of the Twin Towers while they oversaw the evacuation, and examines the effects of the tragic incident on their families. Directed by Oliver Stone and starring Nicolas Cage, Maria Bello, Michael Pena and Maggie Gyllenhaal. (2006)

Thursday

**Obsession, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

A woman receives a promotion at work that entails moving to a different city, so decides to end her relationship with her boyfriend and make a fresh start. However, he does not take kindly to the rejection. Thriller, starring Charisma Carpenter. (2011)

Friday

**The Proposal, BBC1, 10.35pm**

A Canadian publishing editor working in New York faces deportation to her own country. Desperate to stay in America, she offers her assistant a promotion if he will marry her, but an immigration official becomes suspicious and the pair are forced to go to desperate lengths to look like a happy couple. Romantic comedy, starring Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds. (2009)

### Pick of the Week

## Everyday menus for special occasions

Mary Berry may be 78, an age when most people are concentrating on relaxing rather than reaching the peak of their career, but she's bigger and more popular than ever.

And it's all down to one little programme – The Great British Bake Off.

Nobody could have foreseen what a phenomenon that show would end up being, and how it would suddenly turn Mary into a national treasure.

Okay, so long-standing foodies were already aware of her thanks to her recipe books and earlier TV experiences, but none of those brought her the same kind of exposure as the Bake Off did.

She'll be back for a new run of that later in the year when the show moves to BBC1, but for now, she's on BBC2 again, this time presenting six-part series, in which she offers tips for nervous cooks from her own kitchen.

Mary hopes to inspire people to prepare meals for both everyday and special occasions, including meals

that will appeal to every member of the family, young and old.

As ever, Mary delivers her advice in her firm but fair, gentle yet easy-to-understand way – and she likes to keep it straightforward, too.

"First of all, you have to decide what you're going to do," she says when asked for advice on what to cook for a dinner party.

"Go simple and don't try something you haven't done before. It's a good idea to have the first course and the pud chilled, and then you can concentrate on the main meal.

"I don't want anything last-minute because anything can happen. I do try to plan, because I want to be with my guests. It's all about them, and they don't want to see you stressed.

And if you're in the kitchen cooking with them, they can watch you, and people like that."

Unlike some TV chefs, she doesn't like to bombard viewers with ingredients they may never have heard of: "It's very important that the recipes work and contain ingredients that everybody can buy

from their local supermarkets." Amen to that!

She kicks off the series by offering ideas for a traditional tea party. You'll certainly never look at sandwiches in the same way again, and will be rushing out to buy the ingredients to make Mary's mouth-watering bite-sized scones too.

Her granddaughters also make a guest appearance while helping her make orange butterfly cakes.

As for Mary's dream guests, who would she choose? Alongside her beloved family, she has a very special couple in mind.

"I would like to have the Duke and Duchess and Cambridge," she smiles. "I did actually meet them while working with the charity Child Bereavement UK. It would be lovely to cook for them because one day he's going to be the king of England.

"I know what they like, because they use my cookery books. I'd have to do a pudding with brandy for Katherine and William, I think, would like tallagio chicken. They are in very good shape so I wouldn't want to go too overboard!"



**Mary Berry Cooks, Monday, BBC2, 8.30pm**

### Best of the Rest

Monday

**I Never Knew That About Britain, ITV, 8pm**

Author Christopher Winn loves trivia, which is why he came up with the idea for a book called I Never Knew That About England, and when it became a hit, followed it with tomes about Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Each edition featured little-known facts about each country, and went on to be the inspiration for this new, eight-part series. Paul Martin, Suzannah Lipscomb and Steve Mould investigate weird and wonderful places and people from the past, and begin with remarkable tales involving an unsung hero with connections to the Spitfire and, bizarrely, the folding buggy, the Welsh women who battled Napoleon and the chap whose experiments helped the development of pain relief.

Silk

**BBC1, 9pm**

Peter Moffat's idea for this series was to capture the 'extreme pressure, the hard choices, the ethical dilemmas, of life as a barrister, and the latest offering does that rather well. Martha (Maxine Peake) is assigned to defend a footballer accused of a pitch assault on another player. Considering the incident had thousands of witnesses, it seems she's finally bitten off more than she can chew. It doesn't help that her client is reluctant to cooperate and help his defence, so she must get him on side to discover a secret he's determined to keep hidden from the football world. Also this week, chambers are shocked by a resignation and Billy (Neil Stuke) takes steps to ensure Shoe Lane's future.

Tuesday

**Death in Paradise, BBC1, 9pm**

Emma Redding is a retired lifesaver who was due to turn up at a party, but when she doesn't show or answer her phone, it sets alarm bells ringing. Her door is forced open and she's found dead on her bed with an empty packet of sleeping pills at her side. Two key questions dominate the case: how did the alleged killer get out of her locked room, and could one of Emma's so-called friends be the prime suspect?

Wednesday

**Left for Dead by the Yorkshire Ripper, Channel 5, 8pm**

Be warned: this won't make for easy viewing. However, if anyone's happy putting a challenging and thought-provoking documentary about serial killers out there under an eye-catching title, it's Channel 5. This particularly harrowing film – shown, surprisingly, before the watershed – focuses on one of Britain's most notorious murderers, Peter Sutcliffe, or the Yorkshire Ripper. Over the course of his five-year reign of terror, he killed 13 women and attempted to murder eight more, and we hear from some of those survivors, who recount Sutcliffe's attacks blow-by-blow. They include Marylyn Moore, who has never told her story before on television, and Tracy Browne, who describes how, when she was a 14-year-old schoolgirl, she was attacked as she walked home.

**Line of Duty, BBC2, 9pm**

Thanks to its authentic police procedural action, the first series of this tense drama is one of the more compelling examples of its genre we have seen in a long while. This series has been progressing at a real pace, and tonight sees Arnot uncover evidence that a tracker had been planted on one of the vehicles in the police convoy which was ambushed. Sole survivor Lindsay Denton, meanwhile, implies that Deputy Chief Constable Dryden was embroiled in a wider conspiracy – and when a series of video recordings made by the witness while in protective custody are discovered, it's not long before the AC-12 officers begin to realise she's right – but it may be too late as she's in danger.

**Thursday, Coronation Street: A Moving Story, ITV, 9pm**

For more than half a century, Coronation Street has captured the hearts of the nation from the same location in Manchester. However, all that has changed recently. During the past two years a new set has been built to house the Rovers Return, Dev's shop,

Underworld, and all those beloved homes. Of course for many long-term residents of the Street it's been an emotional upheaval moving to a different set. Here, cameras cover the final week of filming in December 2013 at Granada Studios, and document the cast and crew's move two miles away to MediaCity UK at Salford Quays.

**DIY SOS: The Big Build, BBC1, 9pm**

BBC golden boy Nick Knowles is a busy man at the moment – if he's not doing on his pregnant wife ahead the birth of their baby boy in the summer, he can usually be found doling out good news in various National Lottery game shows of a Saturday evening. He's going to meet himself coming backwards one of these days, but no matter how hectic his schedule gets, he'll always have time for DIY SOS. This week, he and the team are coming to the aid of Paul Makings, whose wife died shortly after she gave birth to their sixth child.

**Friday, Gogglebox, Channel 4, 9pm**

Okay, watching people watching telly really shouldn't be so addictive. But it is, thanks to this Big Brother-style series which has proved a hit with the nation. Whatever the reason for its likeability, bosses have thought it popular enough to bring it back for a third series, and in a Friday night primetime slot nonetheless. Narrated by Caroline Aherne, the series will feature the opinionated British households that have become so well-recognised, as well as some new faces.



**Line of Duty, Wednesday, BBC2, 9pm**

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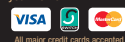
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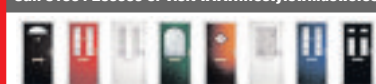
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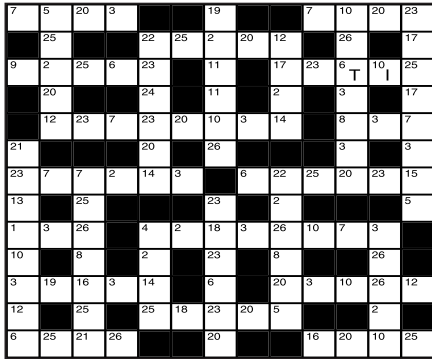
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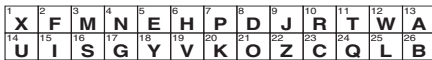
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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

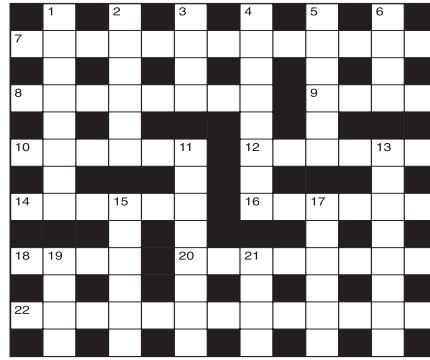
## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

7. Killing time officially (7,6)  
8. Don't give up getting the unit back in shape (8)  
9. Two-way agreement (4)  
10. We arrange sale of an animal (6)  
12. Stern test or transaction (6)  
14. Inferior type of bangle (6)  
16. Mother and son supply fruit (6)  
18. It's sung in variations (4)  
20. Produce green tea, perhaps (8)  
22. Arrogant description of Everest? (4,3,6)

## Down

1. The Poles are, but not the N. and S. ones (8)  
2. Expresses conditions (6)  
3. Soon unknown (4)  
4. New radio set of astronomical importance (8)  
5. I dread to be attacked (6)  
6. A wooden trunk (4)  
11. Man in a suit (8)  
13. A top seat for a renegade (8)  
15. Heartily dislike a hotel under reconstruction (6)  
17. An illusion of heat (6)  
19. It flies or takes a train (4)  
21. Possibly mean to call (4)



## Quick Clues:

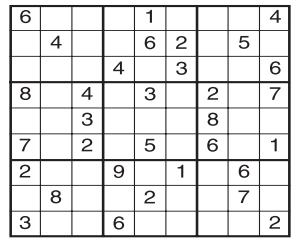
## Across

7. Absolutely necessary (13)  
8. Give out (8)  
9. Space (4)  
10. Fondle (6)  
12. Aptitude (6)  
14. Alcove (6)  
16. Distant (6)  
18. Fashionable (4)  
20. Demonstrative (8)  
22. Impartial (13)

## Down

1. Point out (8)  
2. Uncomplicated (6)  
3. Frank (4)  
4. Forefather (8)  
5. Cask (6)  
6. Too (4)  
11. Uneasy uncertainty (8)  
13. Birth of Christ (8)  
15. Get free (6)  
17. Meditation (6)  
19. Greet (4)  
21. Just (4)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS &gt;

1	6	13	11	2	4	9	17
9	5	2	8	4	7	6	1
1	4	7	6	9	3	2	8
2	9	5	3	6	1	8	7
6	8	4	2	7	9	5	3
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Stud; 8 Infalible; 9 Attended; 10 Ends; 12 Yearly; 14 Eat out; 15 Miller; 17 Stroll; 18 Left; 19 Contract; 21 Man of parts; 22 Hang. Down: 2 Toe the line; 3 Dime; 4 Off day; 5 Pledge; 6 Director; 7 Pews; 11 Double chin; 13 Relation; 16 Recipe; 17 Sundry; 18 Lima; 20 Rush. QUICK - Across: 1 Lass; 8 Triumphant; 9 Complete; 10 Sleep; 12 Artist; 14 Evince; 15 Static; 17 Treble; 18 Scar; 19 Maneater; 21 Felicitous; 22 Over. Down: 2 Autocrat; 3 Stop; 4 Divest; 5 Impede; 6 Chastise; 7 Step; 11 Excellence; 13 Intermix; 16 Commit; 17 Tendon; 18 Sift; 20 Also.



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Miss Saigon opens at the Prince Edward Theatre in May, the production's 25th anniversary year. Book your break now choosing from one of the options below.

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- Of those who are currently renting 35% want to re-join the property ladder or buy a house for the first time.
- Nearly two thirds of first time buyers used local media significantly ahead of any other communications channel.
- In March, the average asking price was the highest seen in recent years, climbing 1.2% since January which, coupled with rising numbers of new properties coming to the market, shows positive signs of an improving market.
- September figures showed that the number of mortgages advanced to first-time buyers in July increased by 41% compared with a year ago.
- There was a surge of new properties listed on the market in January and this increase continued throughout the first quarter.



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**£289,950****Kingswinford****Southbank View**

Enjoying a commanding elevated setting within this exclusive small close, this CONSIDERABLY, YET THOUGHTFULLY, EXTENDED PERIOD STYLE, DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE offers DISTANT VIEWS together with EXTREMELY SPACIOUS accommodation, well appointed and presented to offer: Enclosed Porch, elegant 12' Hall with Cloaks/Toilet off, MAGNIFICENT FULL DEPTH LOUNGE, large Study, splendid Dining Room, refitted Kitchen with integrated appliances, FOUR EXCELLENT DOUBLE BEDROOMS, En-Suite to Bedroom One/Two, re-appointed Bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING plus UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING; fore lawns with long drive plus side parking, DOUBLE GARAGE and landscaped secluded patio and lawned gardens. EPC Rating: C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£284,950****MUSHROOM GREEN****Quarry Road**

A successful conversion with many appealing features, this VERY WELL PRESENTED, RATHER CHARMING, THREE BEDROOM DETACHED COTTAGE is full of character and is purported in part to date back approximately 250 years. The most surprising accommodation has both gas central heating and double glazing (vast majority of units) to comprise: IMPRESSIVE LARGE BREAKFAST KITCHEN with a fine range of units, Sitting Room, Spacious Living Room with formal dining area, Three Good Bedrooms and Attractive Large Bathroom. The property occupies a broad frontage with Well Tended Gardens, Driveway providing ample off street parking and DOUBLE GARAGE. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**£269,950****SEDGLEY****Dudley Road**

An imposing exceptionally spacious FREEHOLD gas centrally heated double-fronted detached residence (with former doctors surgery to side) occupying a commanding corner plot within walking distance of open fields and so many amenities. Constructed to an exemplary standard in 1934 and with many fine period features there is TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL and the accommodation includes traditional reception hall (8'6" ceiling height), sitting room with bay, lounge with bay, dining room, kitchen, former surgery (effectively a fourth reception room) with 'wet room' and former waiting room/store beyond. Central landing four bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, traditional loft, grounds to front side and rear. EPC Rating F. VIEWING SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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**Wordsley****Beaubrook Gardens**

Delightfully situated within this small exclusive cul de sac just off Stream Road, this BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED 'DAVID PAYNE' DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, ground floor w.c. large lounge, separate dining room, good sized conservatory, attractively appointed breakfast kitchen with built-in appliances, FOUR BEDROOMS (master with LUXURY EN-SUITE) and house bathroom, together with DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and attractive and pleasantly secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£249,950****SEDGLEY****Sandyfields Road**

An absolutely outstanding EXTENDED gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed, detached family residence presented in exemplary order throughout enviably situated in favoured neighbourhood with HIGH DISTANCE VIEWS from the rear and within reasonable distance of country park/bullying/etc. Accommodation provides enlarged porch, reception hall, elegant 25'9" through living/dining room, separate breakfast room, refitted kitchen with an extensive range of first quality 'old English cream' finished unit with many integrated applications and a utility room section beyond, neat 'office'. 3 generous bedrooms reappointed bathroom with white contemporary style suite, garage, landscaped gardens. EPC Rating T.B.C. VIEWING SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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**SEDGLEY****Sunningdale Road**

Occupying a corner plot, this modern style, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated EXTENDED three/four bedroom link detached family home provides versatile living space and is situated in a well regarded location. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, through living/dining room, sitting room/potential bedroom four addition, kitchen, utility, guest WC, three good bedrooms, bathroom, larger than average garden, driveway and a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating T.B.C. VIEWING SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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**Kingswinford****Court Crescent**

This TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE enjoys an imposing 'corner' setting and, having been COMPREHENSIVELY RE-APPOINTED WITHIN yet to retain its original charm, is set back from EXTENSIVE FORECOURT and ADDITIONAL SIDE PARKING to offer: Canopy Porch, Hall, DELIGHTFUL LOUNGE with 'bay' window and period fire, REFITTED FEATURE KITCHEN with built-in appliances, SEPARATE DINING ROOM with patio windows, THREE EXCELLENT BEDROOMS plus LUXURY REFITTED FEATURE BATHROOM; UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and GAS CENTRAL HEATING. Forecourt side-by-side parking, LONG GARAGE with LAUNDRY FACILITY, further side/caravan parking and pleasant level patio/garden with open rear aspect. EPC Rating: TBA. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£209,950****COSELEY****Rock Road, Hurst Hill**

Delightful exceptionally well appointed and meticulously maintained FREEHOLD gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed traditional terrace ENVIABLY situated in quiet backwater overlooking allotments with associated distance views. Superb accommodation includes entrance vestibule, sitting room, under stairs store, dining room, rear lobby, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech effect' units, laundry and uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond. Two double bedrooms upgraded bath with many period features sheltered/secluded and well tended garden. EPC Rating D. VIEWING SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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**COSELEY****Cherrywood Close**

Most conveniently situated (within reasonable distance of bus/rail transport routes) a gas centrally heated, double glazed intermediate 'starter home' comprising entrance hallway, fitted cloak room, lounge, upgrade breakfast kitchen, 2 bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite and chrome fittings, parking to front and a 'low maintenance' slab/gravel rear garden. EPC Rating C. VIEWING SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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**COSELEY****Clare Crescent**

A conscientiously maintained, uPVC double glazed (vast majority units), gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home situated in an established residential location and may be of particular interest to both first time buyers or young families alike. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, sitting/dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, separate wc and lawned gardens EPC Rating T.B.C.

Offers in the region of £114,950

**Brierley Hill****Roach Close**

This modern style, gas centrally heated, TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED home is situated in a well regarded location and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Re-fitted Dining Kitchen, TWO GOOD BEDROOMS (master with fitted wardrobes), re-fitted Bathroom with white suite, Garage, Driveway and rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

**£109,950****WOODSETTON****Brook Street**

This Victorian style, uPVC double glazed (majority of units), three bedroom mid terrace property would now ideally benefit from sympathetic modernisation/improvement, yet offers enormous potential, and is available with no upward chain. The surprisingly spacious accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, three first floor bedrooms, useful attic and rear garden. EPC Rating T.B.C. VIEWING SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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**SEDGLEY****Sandyfields Road**

An imposing, fastidiously maintained, and tremendously enhanced, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family residence enviably situated in favoured district with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS from the rear, and within walking distance of so many amenities, schools, and country park. The ENLARGED accommodation provides; imposing reception hall, fitted cloakroom, through lounge, separate dining room, recently refitted 20 ft breakfast kitchen with an extensive range of units/integrated appliances (and double French doors out to the garden); Garage is currently utilised as a store/utility room. FOUR GENEROUS BEDROOMS (three with fitted units/wardrobes), reappointed tiled bathroom with a white traditional style suite. Magnificent lengthy landscaped rear garden with patio, and external lighting. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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**DUDLEY****Breamore Crescent, Earls Keep**

A substantial imposing and particularly spacious FREEHOLD and gas centrally heated and double glazed, Bryant built family residence with potential. Having 'no upward chain' this fine home provides traditional reception hall, fitted cloakroom, store, elegant 18ft 3" (into bay) lounge separate dining room, kitchen, utility room. FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS bathroom, double garage, gardens. EPC Rating T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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**WAS £265,000 NOW £255,000****DUDLEY****Snowhill Gardens**

Enviably situated in favoured cul de sac just off Richborough Drive, an attractive, freehold, gas centrally heated & part uPVC double glazed detached family residence comprising traditional 14'3" reception hall, store, fitted cloakroom, lounge, dining room, 16'9" breakfast/kitchen, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. Four generous bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite), bathroom, garage, gardens (abutting onto adopted open space at rear). EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £227,950****LOWER GORNAL****Himley Gardens**

Enviably situated at head of cul-de-sac with tremendous distant views, and within walking distance of village, country park etc., a SIGNIFICANTLY EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family home that has been TREMENDOUSLY UPGRADED in recent years, and offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Outstanding accommodation includes; entrance hallway, L shape 16 ft through lounge, extended 20'2" dining room, extended/refitted kitchen with a fine range of "beech" effect units & various integrated appliances, understairs store, utility room, fitted cloakroom. FOUR BEDROOMS, recently reapointed bathroom with a white contemporary suite, separate toilet, Garage, garden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £225,000****Wall Heath****Corrin Grove**

Enjoying this exclusive cul de sac setting, just off Dudley Road and well placed for local shops / schools, this EXTENDED AND BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED, MODERN, LINK-DETACHED FAMILY HOME affords ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED accommodation, enhanced by a DELIGHTFUL CONSERVATORY EXTENSION and comprising; reception hall, ground floor W.C., attractive lounge, LARGE CONSERVATORY, enlarged & beautifully refitted dining kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, refitted classic white bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, GARAGE with utility / shower room and an attractive low maintenance rear garden. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£204,950****Wordsley****Rectory Street**

Very pleasantly situated within this mature and sought after address, this VERY WELL MAINTAINED AND ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED, TRADITIONAL DETACHED FAMILY HOME affords VERY SPACIOUS accommodation, including TWO SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS together with GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising; entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and bathroom. With front garden with DRIVEWAY, GARAGE with utility / w.c. side garden area and a BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN which is a particular feature of the property and enjoys an OPEN REAR ASPECT. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£199,950****Kingswinford****Kingsley Road**

BACKING ONTO ATTRACTIVE WOODLAND within this extremely desirable address, close to excellent schooling, this TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME requires updating and improvement but provides FANTASTIC POTENTIAL to enhance the GENEROUS accommodation, including TWO SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS and comprising; Reception Hall, well proportioned Lounge, separate Dining Room, fitted Kitchen, THREE EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS, Bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND DOUBLE GLAZING. Gently elevated back beyond the front lawn/paved forecourt, together with DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and enjoying an ATTRACTIVE AND GOOD SIZED REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£189,950****Wordsley****Belle Vue**

Having been SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED to now offer an EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS layout, this DECEPTIVE AND MOST DISTINCTIVE FOUR BEDROOM LINK-DETACHED FAMILY HOME is well placed within this mature and very popular address and affords ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED accommodation, comprising; reception hall, very spacious lounge with dining area off, attractively refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, FOUR GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, classic white bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With front lawn, DRIVEWAY with GARAGE and patio / lawned rear garden, which enjoys an OPEN REAR ASPECT. EPC Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£179,950****SEDGLEY****Westcroft Road, Northway**

An attractive, gas centrally heated (recent boiler & UPVC double glazed detached) envially situated in road where properties are only rarely made available for sale. Enhanced accommodation includes entrance hallway, superb L-shape through living/dining room with oak strip floor & contemporary styled oak overmantel with a living flame gas fire, patio doors through to a brick uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, kitchen (prepared for a re-fit). Three generous bedrooms, bathroom, lengthy 28ft garage incorporating a laundry area, delightful well stocked rear garden, block paved foregarden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**WAS £180,000 NOW £174,950****Wordsley****Marshall Crescent**

Enjoying a superb cul-de-sac setting and forming part of this stylish new development, this DISTINCTIVELY STYLED AND MOST DECEPTIVE, MODERN FAMILY TOWNHOUSE affords EXTREMELY WELL PROPORTIONED AND BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED accommodation which is READY TO MOVE INTO and comprising; Reception Hall, impressively spacious Lounge/Diner, stylishly appointed Breakfast Kitchen with range of built-in appliances, THREE LARGE BEDROOMS (Master with EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM), classic white House Bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Enjoying OFF-ROAD CAR PARKING to the rear, together with a LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating - B. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£165,000****SEDGLEY****South View Road, Northway**

An attractive, significantly EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated (recent boiler) & either uPVC or aluminium double glazed semi detached with TREMENDOUS DISTANT VIEWS in favoured/ convenient district. Accommodation includes entrance porch, enlarged reception hall, 24'6" through living/dining room, extended L-shape 'cottage style' breakfast kitchen, rear lobby, Three bedrooms, bathroom, large garage with 'mezzanine - style' decking providing extensive storage. Block paved drive, secluded rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £155,000****Brierley Hill****North View Drive**

This modern style, three bedroomed detached family home is well presented throughout and is situated in a popular residential location. With uPVC double glazing and a gas central heating system, accommodation briefly comprises; entrance hall, lounge, dining kitchen, three bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom, large garage to side, block paved driveway to front and a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**£149,950****QUARRY BANK****Wychbury Road**

This IMMACULATELY PRESENTED, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, GAS CENTRALLY HEATED, EXTENDED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME is situated in an ESTABLISHED RESIDENTIAL LOCATION, and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises; enlarged entrance hall, lounge, EXTENDED dining room, kitchen, guest w.c., three bedrooms, bathroom with corner suite, garage, driveway, and a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

**£134,950****WOLVERHAMPTON****Farrington Road, Ettingshall Park**

A tremendously EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated uPVC double glazed semi detached for modernisation offering excellent potential. The accommodation includes porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, store, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, large bathroom, garage, gardens. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £134,950****SEDGLEY****Brownswall Road**

A COMPETITIVELY PRICED gas centrally heated and primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached with potential, envially situated upon favoured development within walking distance of open fields and so many day to day amenities. Accommodation provides reception hall, L shape 19'15" through living / dining room with patio doors upgraded kitchen, store, two double bedrooms, tiled bathroom with white traditionally styled suite extensive block paved driveway/ parking with potential garage space to side and a secluded rear garden EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**WAS £135,000 NOW £131,950****QUARRY BANK****Edwinstowe Close**

This modern style, uPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, THREE BEDROOM Semi Detached Home occupies a corner plot, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises; Entrance Hall, lengthy Lounge / Dining Room, Kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, Bathroom, Rear Garden and allocated Parking. EPC Rating C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

**£120,000****LOWER GORNAL****Wealdstone Drive**

A stylish exceptionally well presented and conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated (recent combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed intermediate 'starter home' conveniently situated in favoured district. Accommodation provides glazed entrance vestibule, store, lounge, upgrade breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, two double bedrooms, bathroom, neat gardens with TARMACADAM parking for two cars 'at the rear'. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £118,500****LANESFIELD****Dresden Close**

Conscientiously maintained IDEAL FAMILY HOME, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed semi detached in short cul de sac conveniently situated just off Hilton Road. The property may be of particular interest to first time buyers, and briefly comprises; Entrance hallway, lounge, dining room with patio doors through to the CONSERVATORY beyond, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom with guest w.c., three bedrooms, bathroom with corner suite, garage, driveway, and a pleasant rear garden. EPC Rating D. VIEWING SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £114,950****Wordsley****Marshall Crescent**

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**£114,950****PENSNETT****Swan Street**

This traditional style, part uPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, TWO BEDROOM Semi Detached Home is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, and may represent an IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY. The property briefly comprises; Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Guest WC, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, Bathroom and a good size REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**£84,950****Pensnett****Chapel Street**

Taylor's are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £74,000 for 96 Chapel Street, Pensnett. Anyone wishing to place an offer on the property should contact Taylors Estate Agents, Kingswinford, DY6 8AA - 01384 401777, prior to exchange of contracts.



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- Three double bedrooms
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- Good sized rear garden
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25 SCHOOL STREET £139,950

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- Semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Good sized rear garden
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100 OLD PARK ROAD O/A £119,500

- DUDLEY
- Extended semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Extended rear lounge & kitchen
- Some cosmetic updating required
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24 FOSTER AVENUE £107,950

- COSELEY
- Terraced house
- Three bedrooms
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas central heating
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10 VALLEY ROAD £104,950

- UPPER GORNAL
- Semi detached house
- Two bedrooms (was originally three)
- Well proportioned wide corner plot
- Gas central heating & double glazing
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**REDUCED**  
18 EBENZER STREET £104,950

- COSELEY
- Terraced house
- Two bedrooms
- Attractively presented
- Gas central heating & double glazing
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12 FIVEWAYS COURT £103,900

- LOWER GORNAL
- Modern first floor apartment
- Two bedrooms
- Well presented accommodation
- Allocated car parking space
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10 EDMUND ROAD £99,950

- UPPER GORNAL
- Semi detached house
- Two bedrooms
- Large bathroom
- Large garden plot
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4 POOL STREET £94,500

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- Two bedrooms
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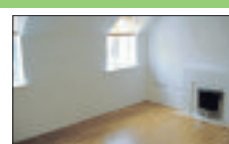
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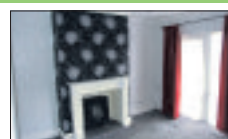
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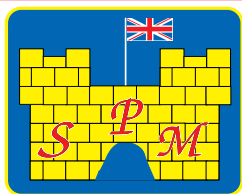
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Drivetime

# Stamp your own personality

By David Banner

**Thinking of a MINI or a Fiat 500? Then you also need to be thinking about Vauxhall's trendy little ADAM, the brand's little lifestyle citycar.**

Here's a fashionable alternative with an encyclopaedic list of options, bidding for individuality beyond the hatchback herd. The model's title is a nod to Adam Opel, the founder of Vauxhall's European sister company, but is unlikely to start a trend for Biblical car names. It may though, start a trend for buyer personalisation, the like of which the market has never before seen. With over a million possible specification and trim combinations, the chances of two identical Vauxhall ADAMs ever being produced are statistically quite

slim. Ground-breaking where it matters then – in the showroom. To disguise perhaps the fact that this car is actually quite conventional in arguably less important areas, running on the underpinnings of Vauxhall's old third generation Corsa. Slide into the seat and there's a very different feel from that provided by a Corsa – or any other conventional supermini. The commanding driving position, the big chunky MINI-like wheel, the wide, low glass area. – it all makes you eager to tackle the urban jungle, with the promise of secondary road sportiness beyond. Not too much mind. There's no really rorty engine in the line-up and the underpinnings are resolutely Corsa-based, not a supermini many would instinctively equate with an especially rewarding drive. Better to simply accept this car for the friendly fashion trinket it is, with the



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proviso that the entry-level 70PS 1.2-litre 16v engine does struggle a little with the task of pushing nearly 1.1-tonnes of ADAM up the road with any real zip. As with all the powerplants launched with this car, it's a petrol unit, 62mph from rest occupying nearly 15 seconds on the way to a top speed only just over 100mph. Better by far to find only a little more for one of the 1.4s, an 87PS unit that manages 62mph in a far more acceptable 12.5 seconds on the way to 109mph. And a 100PS engine that improves things further to 11.5 seconds and 115mph. Ask for something a little more hi-tech and the designers will point to the three cylinder 1.0-litre petrol. Prices start at just over £11,000 for the base 1.2i 16v petrol version, but find the extra few hundred for one of the two petrol 1.4s that are notably less feeble. There are three main trim levels for the ADAM: Baseline is 'JAM', supposed to be what Vauxhall calls 'fashionable', pay just under £1,500 more to go 'GLAM' for a trim package that's apparently more 'elegant', or pay a further £500 on top of that for the top, and supposedly 'sportier' trim level – 'SLAM'.



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# Drivetime



## Popular model refreshed

The 2014 Geneva Motor Show will see the premiere of the new Citroën C1 – a fresh take on a popular model that has sold more than 760,000 examples worldwide since its launch in 2005.

The latest version of Citroën's city car is available in both three and five-door versions, as well as a new open-top body style called Airscape.

A car with a strong personality, delivering an upbeat response to urban mobility requirements, the new Citroën C1 reflects the bold renewal of Citroën's C-line.

### Citroën C1 features:

**More design:** With dynamic lines and a cheerful front-end gaze, characterised by its headlights, the C1 is an immediate head-turner. Bi-tone versions and brightly coloured interiors underline the playful character and joie de vivre. The new C1 is unmistakably a member of the new Citroën family.

**Greater comfort:** For everyday driving. Agile and nippy, the new C1 marries compact exterior dimensions (just 3.46m), with easy handling and a turning circle of 4.80m.

Ride comfort is further improved,

thanks to the C1's exceptional suspension comfort and impeccable road handling.

**More useful technology:** Including the 7" Touch Driver Interface and Mirror Screen technology, to copy and run smartphone apps from the touch-screen.

The new Citroën C1 can also be fitted with keyless entry and start, as well as a reversing camera and hill-start assist.

**Optimised running costs:** Weighing just 840kg and available with new-generation petrol engines, the new Citroën C1 ranks among the best in class for fuel consumption.

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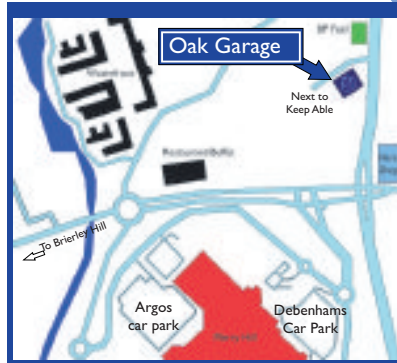
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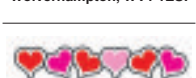
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**MALE 45**, GSOH 6ft. Many interests, seeks slim outgoing lady, for love or friendship. Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4283955

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## Side win away as place race heats up

STOURBRIDGE travelled to fellow Wolverhampton Division contenders and defending champions St George's.

The late availability of Jeremy Fallowfield meant Stourbridge were close to full strength. St George's were missing two key players. First to finish was grandmaster Keith Arkell on board one who overwhelmed his opponent.

This was soon followed by a win for the aggressive playing Greg Dyett. Meanwhile Jeremy Fallowfield on board two had to settle for a draw. On board six Dave Scriven was surprised when his opponent resigned to give Stourbridge the match. Nick Fallowfield showed great skill to win a "bishops of opposite colours ending" which would often be considered drawn even though Nic was a pawn up.

This was followed by a win for Nick Arkell in a time scramble. So we won the match 5.5-0.5 and we are still very much in the hunt for the title.

On Wednesday the BDCL 3 team faced Halesowen and won the match 3.5 to 1.5.

## Hutton's exile due to wages

BOSS Paul Lambert has lifted the lid on Alan Hutton's Villa exile and admitted he has been frozen out because he earns too much.

The claret and blues chief has confirmed for the first time financial reasons are behind Hutton's banishment.

The Scotland international - who has been called up by Gordon Strachan to face Poland next month - is on £40,000-a-week at Villa Park.

Hutton has not played for Lambert at Villa with his last appearance coming under Alex McLeish at Tottenham in May, 2012.

And Lambert admitted the right-back, whose contract expires in 2015, will not play again as they look to get him off the wage bill.

"It will be unlikely he will ever play here - he knows that. We need to get the structure down to a level," said Lambert, who has also shipped out big earners Stephen Ireland and Darren Bent.

# Crunch talks on cards for Albion's boss

PEPE MEL will hold crunch talks with his Albion squad this week after players raised concerns over the Baggies boss' survival tactics.

Mel is fighting to win over Albion's stars as he prepares for a vital 10 days that could make or break the club's top-flight future.

A series of meetings are now planned at the training ground this week involving players and coaches to draw up a new 'battle plan' for the remaining 11 games of the Premier League campaign.

Senior squad members are understood to have raised concerns at Mel's methods as the Span-

iard searches for his first win as Hawthorns head coach. And the 50-year-old now faces a crucial week-and-a-half ahead of the Baggies' return to action against Manchester United on March 8, during which he faces a major task to convince sceptical stars he can halt their relegation slide.

The players' worries, which have been confirmed by several sources close to the Albion dressing room, concern Mel's inability to communicate tactics and his style of play.

The former Real Betis coach arrived at The Hawthorns promising

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a high-pressing approach based on his experiences in Spain but he has already compromised following a meeting with players, who were concerned that the Baggies squad was ill-suited to the new approach.

But worries are reported to have resurfaced during last week's six-day training camp in Spain.

The Hawthorns hierarchy have now become aware of the players' issues. One source said: "In training, the players are doing things

and they don't know whether they are doing them right or wrong. Pepe has Keith Downing there with him and if there's a problem he should be putting across what he wants to Keith, so he can relay that to the players. But that isn't always happening."

His limited English is a source of worry despite the recent arrival of former Betis coach David Gomez, who speaks good English, and the influence of Spanish speaker Dave McDonough, Albion's director of technical performance and scouting, who played a key role in Mel's recruitment and has become a

more regular figure on the training ground. Another source said: "The players like Pepe but they are worried that he doesn't have enough experience of the English game."

The club's summer signings have failed to make a significant impact and it is believed some longer-serving players have expressed frustration at the more recent arrivals' failure to integrate into the group.

That is also believed to have prompted a potential review of the club's scouting set-up, which could change the roles of senior staff.

# Ashton's late goal seals deal for Tipton

Rochester 0 Tipton Town 1

**SUPERSUB Danny Ashton rattled Rochester by snatching a late winner in a close, competitive tie in which Tipton were away at Hillsfield.**

Despite both sides having only turned out sporadically since the turn of the year, the first half was a 100mph affair that rarely eased up and it was surprising there were no goals in the first part of the match.

Rochester threatened almost immediately from the break with great footwork by Aaron Cole down the left wing culminating in a fine cross which picked out Liam Shaw who headed just wide of the mark.

Tipton's Jordan Archer produced an excellent save from Rochester's impressive keeper Dominic Kurasik on six minutes as the striker controlled the ball well in the box and, after his first effort was blocked, then lashed an effort goalbound.

It was Tipton keeper James Pemberton's turn to shine as Shaw crossed for Simeon Lawrence whose shot was brilliantly tipped over.

The second half saw the pace of the game drop as tired legs and a heavy pitch saw mistakes begin to creep in for players on both sides.

Immediately after the break, three Rochester players sprung the Tipton offside trap but, surging through unimpeded, somehow managed to fluff their lines and let Pemberton

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steak in to avert the danger.

Then, on the hour mark, the predatory Shaw was unlucky as a dinked cross into the box by Aaron Dillon beat the Tipton defence and the striker scooped his shot over Pemberton but narrowly over the bar.

Archer surged through on 70 minutes for Tipton only to be denied again by Kurasik as he tried to unselfishly square to the unmarked Ashton who would have had the goal at his mercy had the move paid off.

The deadlock was finally broken on 80 minutes when Ashton clinically finished from four yards from a cross by Mike Perks - who covered every inch of the pitch in an awesome performance. For the day

Rochester threw themselves forward in search of an equaliser but late substitute John Hill and skipper Chris Whitehouse held off any assaults

The win means Tipton are now unbeaten in seven matches.

## Wolves stamp their authority on game



Striker Nouha Dicko and David Button clash during Wolves away victory against Brentford

Brentford 0 Wolves 3

AT Griffin Park the seemingly unstoppable west London club were checked in such conclusive fashion it was difficult to believe at the finish just how testing this fixture had seemed in the days approaching.

Three peachy strikes, picked off at

critical moments, answered demands led by their head coach for more clinical finishing.

Two more goals for Michael Jacobs, a perfect execution on the counter attack followed by an even better one to finally break Brentford's spirit, suggested once again that Wolves

did not so much sign him from Derby as commit an act of grand larceny. James Henry provided the first. He arrived at the near post and flipped the ball over David Button.

After 72 minutes Jacobs drilled under Button. To finish Jacobs drilled in from 20 yards.

## Runners in good show at big one

AFTER the bread and butter of the Birmingham Cross Country League it was time for the cup on Saturday as athletes from Dudley Kingswinford Running Club travelled to the National Cross Country Championships.

Their "Wembley" was Wollaton Park, Nottingham as the blue hoops rubbed shoulders with GB Internationals and Olympic medalists in the biggest event of the winter season.

As clubs from all over the country converged on the East Midlands the pride of Wall Heath strapped on their spikes for three laps around the deer park for the 12 kilometre course.

First back for the hoops in a field of nearly 1,700 was Ben Foster in 48th; Andy Sprague 750th; Rob Sannwald was 784th; Dave Norman 1,25th, Rob Kennard 1,205th and Mark Homer finished in 1224th. Against some of the best clubs in the country DK finished a creditable 85th of the 127. Twenty four hours later a group travelled to Russells Hall Hospital for the annual Annual Heart 5. In possibly his last race in DK colours Rob Meredith took 16th place in 30.56.

## Olsson's warning on targets

DEFENDER Jonas Olsson has warned Albion that target-setting could distract them from their survival mission.

The Sweden international insists the Baggies must focus only on their next match against Manchester United - or risk derailing their bid to avoid a drop.

Boss Pepe Mel and captain Chris Brunt claimed last week that the Baggies need at least four wins from their remaining games to stay in the top flight. But Olsson said: "We want to be safe as soon as possible and if you look at it like that you approach games differently. If you're targeting four wins you maybe go into a game thinking 'we need to win this one' you go for it and you open up and you end up losing the game."

"We just need to concentrate on our bit and hopefully we won't be depending on other results..."

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## Hales let grip on the game loosen

**Leics 37 Halesonians 25**

AFTER a four week lay off expectations were high from both supporters and players in South Leicestershire.

For the first 25 minutes it was all Halesonians with some champagne rugby. Sharp, incisive, fast-paced, hard-tackling and possibly some of the best passages of play this season.

Despite this the home side took the lead from a Hales attack where a loose ball was collected by their impressive winger who sprinted 80 yards, crashing through numerous tackles to score. Then during the first 25 minutes, with the help of the Hales team, centre Andy Robinson scored and converted and excellent try.

Eight minutes later Luke Smith fed Andy Robinson for his second try and conversion of the game.

Continued pressure by the visitors forced two penalties, Robinson converted both. Leicester then started their comeback before half time with a well worked try.

In the second half Andy Robinson broke through to feed Luke Smith who passed to the opposition who scored a gifted try. Being a disappointing second period of Hales play the home side seemed to score at will, three more tries and two conversions followed by two penalties. Luke Smith got a consolation try for Hales.

## Ray back in the dugout

LEGENDARY boss Ray Graydon is set for a shock one-off return to the Walsall dug-out.

The former chief, who twice led the club to promotion, will take charge of a Saddlers Legends team at the Club Legends Cup tournament this summer.

Graydon, affectionately known by fans as "Sir Ray", has agreed to manage a side of 10 former players and five fans. They will take on teams from Midlands rivals Wolves, Villa, Albion and Blues, along with a media team in the tournament on July 12 at Birmingham's LG Arena.

All money raised will go to support the charity Cure Leukaemia.

Former players poised to line-up for the Saddlers include Tony Millard, Mark Taylor, Andy Reece, Brian Palgrave, Tony Barras and Andy Tilson.

## Yeltz have to share the spoils in scoreless draw

**Halesowen Town 0 Chasetown 0**

HALESOWEN and Chasetown shared the points although the local derby stalemate still provided plenty of goal-scoring chances although neither of the sides were able to exploit them.

Ben Haseley struck the Chasetown side netting after goalkeeper Ryan Price turned away Lyseden Christie's fifth minute header but in-form Chasetown soon countered when Joe Halsall's tricky shot was grabbed by home goalkeeper Matt Sargeant.

Haseley rifled into the Chasetown side-netting again at the far post in the 29th minute but the visitors responded once

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more when Tesfa Robinson screwed a 36th minute shot that went wide.

At the start of the second half Chasetown goalkeeper Price showed his mettle when he denied Christie twice within a minute.

Price pulled off a fine 52nd minute save after Christie headed on Tom Tonks' long throw-in and then clutched the ball above head height after Christie beat Robinson to a long ball.

But it was the Scholars who went mightily close to breaking the deadlock on the

hour when a right wing free-kick bounced around in the home six-yard box and Robinson fired over the bar from close range.

Yeltz defender Kris Green then came to the home rescue with a superb headed goal-line clearance after Jazz Luckie worked free down the right to get a shot at goal in the 65th minute.

Late on, Haseley misfired again for Halesowen on a couple of occasions in front of goal and Asa Charlton drilled just wide with five minutes remaining as the second-placed hosts sought a vital winner.

But in injury time the Yeltz defence needed to hold firm against two potentially

dangerous Chasetown free-kicks which they managed to survive.

**Halesowen Town:** Sargeant; Green, Charlton, Forde, Hull (c), Tilt, Griffiths (MacKenzie 83), Tonks (Lait 78), Christie, Haseley (Penney 86), Turner.

**Unused Subs:** Kelly, Pearson (GK).

**Chasetown:** Price; Evans, Beckett, Halsall, Robinson, Teesdale (c), Butler (Gould 60), Bragoli, Wellecome, Luckie (Anslow 78), Brown.

**Unused Subs:** Smith, Bottomer, Birt.

**Referee:** Chris Husband Attendance: 444

## I nearly quit says Varnish

JESS VARNISH says she feared for her career as she plots her World Championships assault.

The Halesowen Cycling Club ace is in Cali, Colombia, ahead of the start of the Track Cycling World Championships. Varnish missed the Championships in Minsk last year with a back injury which sidelined her for five months.

She is likely to partner Becky James in the team sprint after James won the keirin and sprint in Belarus, while also claiming bronze with Victoria Williamson in the team sprint.

But Varnish admitted, after a torn disc ruined 2013, she worried she may never return.

"It got to the point where I thought my career might be finished. You feel like you lose your identity," said the 23-year-old.

"I worried all the time that I would not get back to where I was. I used to get on my bike and try to put my hands on the handlebars and I thought, 'I don't want to do this, it is too painful'."

"I appreciate it more now, and to be in the team and going to the World Championships. I hadn't missed a Worlds since 2008."

## Saddlers rematch tickets sell out

WOLVES fans have again showed their commitment to the cause after the club announced their allocation for next month's derby at Walsall is already sold out.

The last of the 3,400 available tickets for the game at the Banks's Stadium on March 8 were snapped up last week. Walsall won the first league meeting between the sides 1-0.

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# GLASSBOYS FALL TO TOP SCORERS

**Stourbridge 1 Hemel Hempstead 4**

LEAGUE leaders Hemel Hempstead continued their good run at the War Memorial Athletic Ground as they came out on top in an entertaining, incident-packed contest against 10-man Stourbridge.

The hosts didn't enjoy the rub of the green, but they were also soundly punished for some shoddy defensive work by clinical finishes by the division's top scorers at one end.

Meanwhile at the other Stourbridge struck the woodwork twice and Hemel custodian Laurie Walker also produced a string of fine saves to keep the Glassboys at bay until late on.

Dreadful Stourbridge got off to a dreadful start trailing 17 seconds after kick off. Lewis Toomey was allowed to run with the ball from close to halfway through the left channel area unchallenged before sending a 20-yard strike beyond the diving Dean Coleman.

Stourbridge looked to respond with Ben Billingham feeding Kayelden Brown who cut inside, but his rising shot was safely held by Walker. However, the Glassboys were left reeling by two goals in quick succession that left Hemel firmly in the driving seat.

A goal-kick from Walker flew towards Toomey who reached the ball ahead of the hesitant Coleman on

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the edge of the box and he went round the keeper before being bundled over as he prepared to shoot having been closed down by both Will Richards and Netan Sansara.

Richards was red carded after a discussion between the referee and his assistant, although Sansara appeared to be the guilty party.

Parkes stroked home the resulting spot-kick and within a couple of minutes he had struck again. Toomey nodded the ball on to Parkes and he struck a sumptuous first-time volley past Coleman. Despite being a man short, the home side continued to battle after the break.

With eleven minutes left Stourbridge did manage to reduce the arrears when a goal-kick by Coleman was misjudged by Murphy, letting in Benbow who attacked the Hemel box and although he over-elaborated on the ball, he was still able to find Geddes and he tucked the ball low past Walker. Three minutes into stoppage time though Parkes grabbed a hat-trick goal to make sure of victory and give the final score-line a harsh look.



Sean Geddes slots in what would be the only goal for the Glassboys against Hemel Hempstead

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